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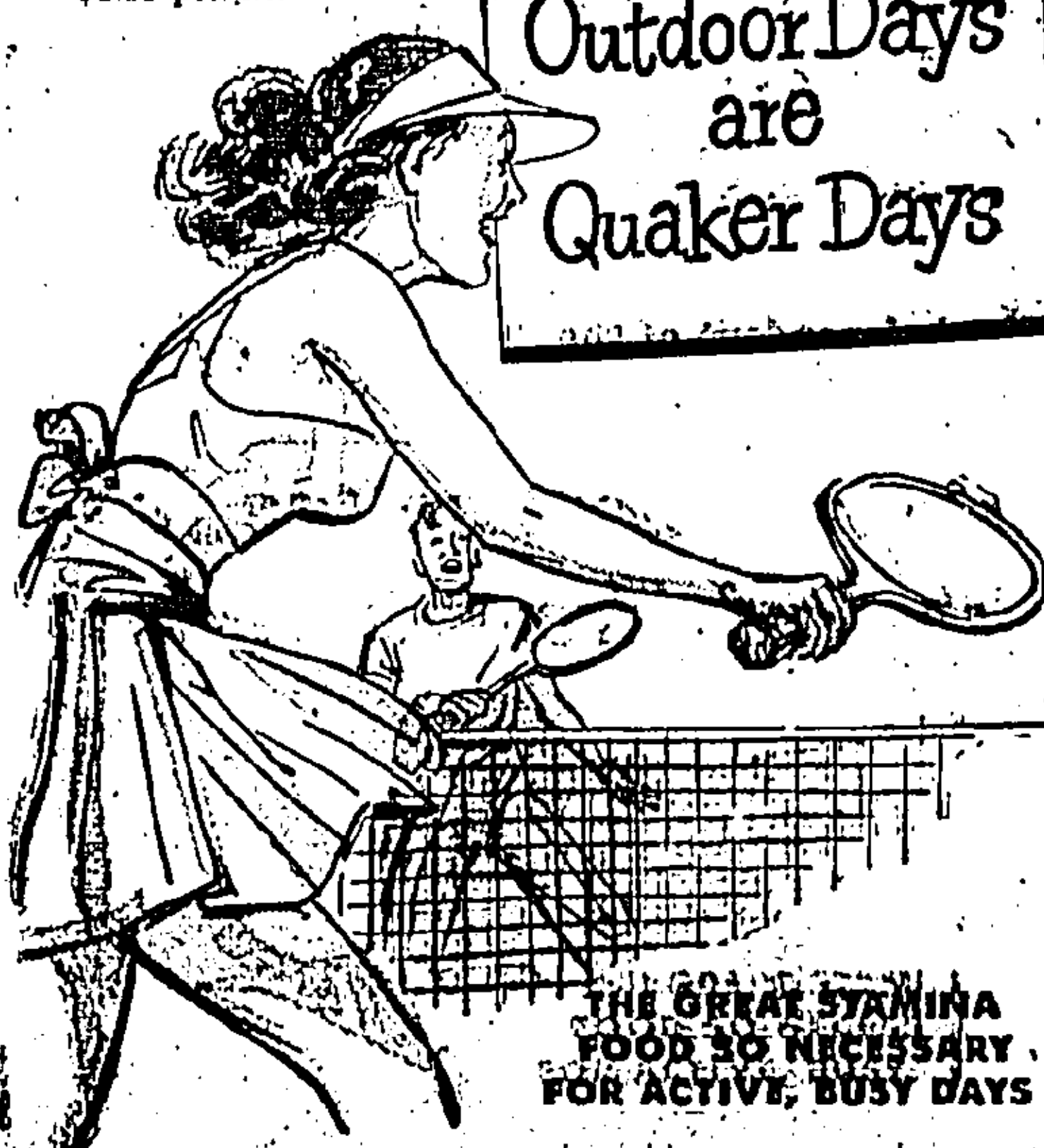
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Police riot squads carried out an exercise in the Western District yesterday. Some 20 "rioters" were engaged in a simulated gas-masked, truncheon-shield equipped police. A number of "casualties" were recorded by umpires on both sides. The planned disturbance by the "rioters" was frustrated. After dealing successfully with the situation, the police split into several groups and patrolled the area until they were recalled to their stations.

PILOT RECOUNTS EXPERIENCE IN BERLIN FLIGHTS

Berlin and Christmas seem equally remote in Hong Kong today, but not when you talk to Pilot Fred Weaver.

Mr. Weaver has been piloting flying-boats between Hamburg and Berlin for a good part of the year while away from his station here.

"At Christmas," he recalled, "we flew sick and under-nourished children out of Berlin to places of refuge in the Western zone."

Trips To Berlin

"One of the first to go," he said, "was a babe in arms, screaming its head off. I didn't know what to do, so suddenly a horrified Wireless Op found it in his arms."

By the time the crew had made a half dozen flights, however, they were able nursemaids. Bags of sweets soon overcame the language difficulties. And there were usually a couple of German nurses on deck to supervise proceedings.

Mr. Weaver found the operation ironically similar to the wartime evacuation of children from London.

On trips into Berlin the lift planes carry "everything from tinned foods to bicycles." The big planes carrying the all-important bundles for Berlin land on the River Elbe at Hamburg and at Lake Huhl near Berlin's Gatow airfield.

When he was posted home a year ago, Mr. Weaver had no idea that he would be participating in the historic flight. That came in June after he had taken a training course in Northern Ireland.

The 24-year-old Surrey pilot chalked up something like 100 flights before he was posted to Hong Kong.

Newsreel Episode

"One of the funniest things happened when a German newsreel cameraman was trying to film us taking off from the Elbe," he recalled.

"He was standing on the back of a small boat floating away very enthusiastically when we came toward him. Unfortunately we were a bit too low and clipped off part of the mast with our wing. But this chap kept right on grinding away and after it was all over he said 'Was wonderful! the best yet! Ve do it again Eh?'"

How does it feel to be back in Hong Kong again? Fred twisted that red "RAF-type" moustache of his and smiled: "Pretty good, pretty good."

The new crew members who accompanied him out from the UK stretched their legs in the warm sun in front of the Kai Tak cafeteria and looked around. "Not too bad," they decided.

Wanted By Government: Live Rats

Government has made an appeal for rats—live ones.

The Resident Controller, however, is more interested in the ideas carried by rats than the rats themselves.

An official statement, appealing for public co-operation, said that every rat found in the Colony is needed or examination to prevent the spread of disease.

Live rats caught in traps should on no account be killed, as the fleas on their bodies are wanted.

The rats will be collected every day by the Government Rat Catcher who is setting the traps. If they are your own traps, telephone the nearest District Health Officer every time you catch a live rat and ask for it to be collected.

All dead rats should be kept for the official who is poisoning or trapping the rats on your premises. If you kill the rat yourself place it in the nearest street rat bin. (Rat bins are small green tins affixed to lamp posts, drain pipes, etc. and are to be found along most thoroughfares.) Never throw dead rats into refuse bins.

1948-49 BUDGET

The Budget for 1948-49 will be introduced for first reading in Legislative Council at its next meeting on Wednesday, March 16.

Elliot Passage

Since the publication in Hong Kong newspapers of reports from steamships on Hong Kong, the Elliot Passage is too shallow for navigation, the Pearl River Conservancy Bureau has made a series of surveys and investigations. During the result of such surveys and investigations I have come to the following conclusions:

Although I have given up the direction of the Elliot Passage, I feel it my duty to divulge the conclusions so that the public may be brought to understand the present status of the Elliot Passage and the importance of maintaining it to an artificially opened channel.

In re-opening the rock barriers across the Elliot Passage, the PRCB planned that the navigation channel should have a width of 70 metres and a depth of 15 feet below low water.

However, in view of the fact that the Elliot Passage, the Channel being used then, became too shallow for navigation of steamers during winter low water period and that the amount of work involved in dredging the channel to above mentioned depth was calculated to be much greater than that for the Elliot Passage, it was decided that the Elliot Passage should be immediately re-opened by effecting, as a first step, a width of 70 metres for the entire channel, but 60 metres for the barrier section and depth of 11½ feet below low water, so that it might be open to navigation at any tide for the benefit of Canton-Hong Kong steamers.

The South China Regional Office of the ECA, which gave financial support towards the project, wished to see the work completed not later than January 15, 1949. The work was going on under difficulties as the PRCB did not have proper equipment at its disposal. However, with the military support from the ECA, it accomplished the first stage of the plan at the present time. On January 10, 1949, a convoy consisting of LST Mei Soong, ss. Fatsian, ss. Chimen and ss. Kwai Shan participated in the inaugural navigation and in the morning of January 24 and 25, the survey revealed that at both sides of the channel on the barrier section there had been rocks collapsing from the unreinforced portion of the barriers.

Five patches lost their original depths, the shallowest patch being only nine feet inches below low water. Grabbers were operated to clear the section. The work continued for 10 days and a total of over 500 cubic metres, consisting of sand and rocks in about equal proportion, was taken up.

Then, survey was made on February 9, 15 and 26 and each time an increase of rocks and sand was found at the sides of the channel. No doubt these rocks and sand have caused the channel to lose its width and depth in some patches and it is not clear if the low water time do not run along the middle line of the channel, they are subject to the risk of running aground at these patches.

From the foregoing, the following conclusions may be drawn:

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Kwok Denies Suggestion Of May's Counsel

A suggestion that Kwok Kwong had said he was under instructions from the second accused with regard to the electrical affair at Pokfulam and Prince's Building because he thought it a good defence was made by Arthur May's counsel at the eighth hearing of the PWD larceny trial yesterday.

Kwok, who occupied the witness stand all day yesterday, denied the suggestion. He reasoned that, had May not told him to do the work, he could not have found his way to Dr. Thomas' house at Pokfulam.

Kwok Kwong and Arthur Frederick May, foreman and second accused respectively, are standing trial before Mr. Justice Williams (Puisne Judge) on three counts of larceny by public servants and three counts of falsification of documents with intent to defraud the Government.

Resuming evidence on his own defence, Kwok Kwong told the court that when the police raided the Hung Hom depot, he was taken inside the workshop and questioned by a Chinese policeman, Yu Mok, as to the work at Pokfulam. Kwok said he told Yu that the work had been under the instructions of May.

Denies Allegation
Referring to the allegations of falsification of documents, Kwok stated that there could be no such thing because it was usual for workmen to be sent out to work before there was a job number out for the particular job, and the cost of labour was charged to the other jobs and adjusted when authority had been obtained.

In the case where there was a job number, accused continued, then the workmen only wrote him a bill for the materials drawn from the stores. If there was a job number the materials drawn would be entered at the back of the estimate by Ho Sung.

Kwok went on to state that the various jobs to be done were always decided by May with regard to the amount of materials for installing. He himself as foreman would then make out an estimate for the cost of the materials. Having done so, accused said, he would pass the estimate to Lee Po-shun, who would put down the prices of the materials in the estimate. This was again sent to May for re-checking.

If he as foreman had made a mistake in the estimate, Kwok declared, May would make corrections accordingly for carrying out the job had been obtained, accused stated. May would then inform him on a bill that the work could be started.

Cross-examined by Mr. A. J. Clifford, counsel for May, Kwok told the court that he was never told that the jobs he did were "money-making" jobs. Since May had taken the responsibility of doing the jobs and had instructed him to do so, he had obeyed those orders.

No Shortage
Replying to questions, Kwok disclosed that in May's time at Hung Hom, there were no shortage of any materials in the Hung Hom stores because every job when completed had to be checked by a clerk and an inventory made which was submitted to May for re-checking before it was sent to the receiver of the materials.

Further questioned, accused disagreed that he could have taken some materials from the stores without being discovered by May. May, he said, would certainly know exactly the amount of materials being used as it was his duty to visit the jobs daily.

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used whether May would know if accused had certain goods taken from the stores. Kwok replied in the affirmative. Even in the case of applying for a loan he had first to inform May, as he could not borrow any materials from Wanchai without a store order note. When applying for a loan, he added, the words "On Loan" appeared on the store order note.

Further questioned, Kwok revealed that it was not his responsibility to make out return notes. Counsel then asked Kwok whether he had ever carried out any private contracting since he became foreman, to which accused agreed, stating that he had, however, never done it himself.

Kwok also denied having done that particular job for getting profit out of it. Referring to the statement made by Kwok to Mr. Johnston at Hung Hom on August 11 last year, Counsel inquired of Kwok whether he did say there that one Tong Shok had asked him about the end of 1947 to do some re-wiring at the Tai Hang Rubber Factory at Castle Peak Road.

Accused agreed to this. Kwok admitted that he told Ho Sung to find some outsider to do that job.

Further questioned, accused admitted telling Tong Shok that the work could be done for \$14, but added that he did not mean to do the work himself.

PWD Men Used
Asked if he did use PWD men for that job, accused told the court that Ho Sung used PWD men to do it. Kwok was further cross-examined on his own statement made to Mr. Johnston on August 11 at Hung Hom, in the course of which Kwok further reiterated that it was his duty to take orders from the O.C., Hung Hom. Mr. Clifford asked him if that meant that he should do that even though it was a private job and not a Government job. Kwok replied in the affirmative, adding that May was the O.C.

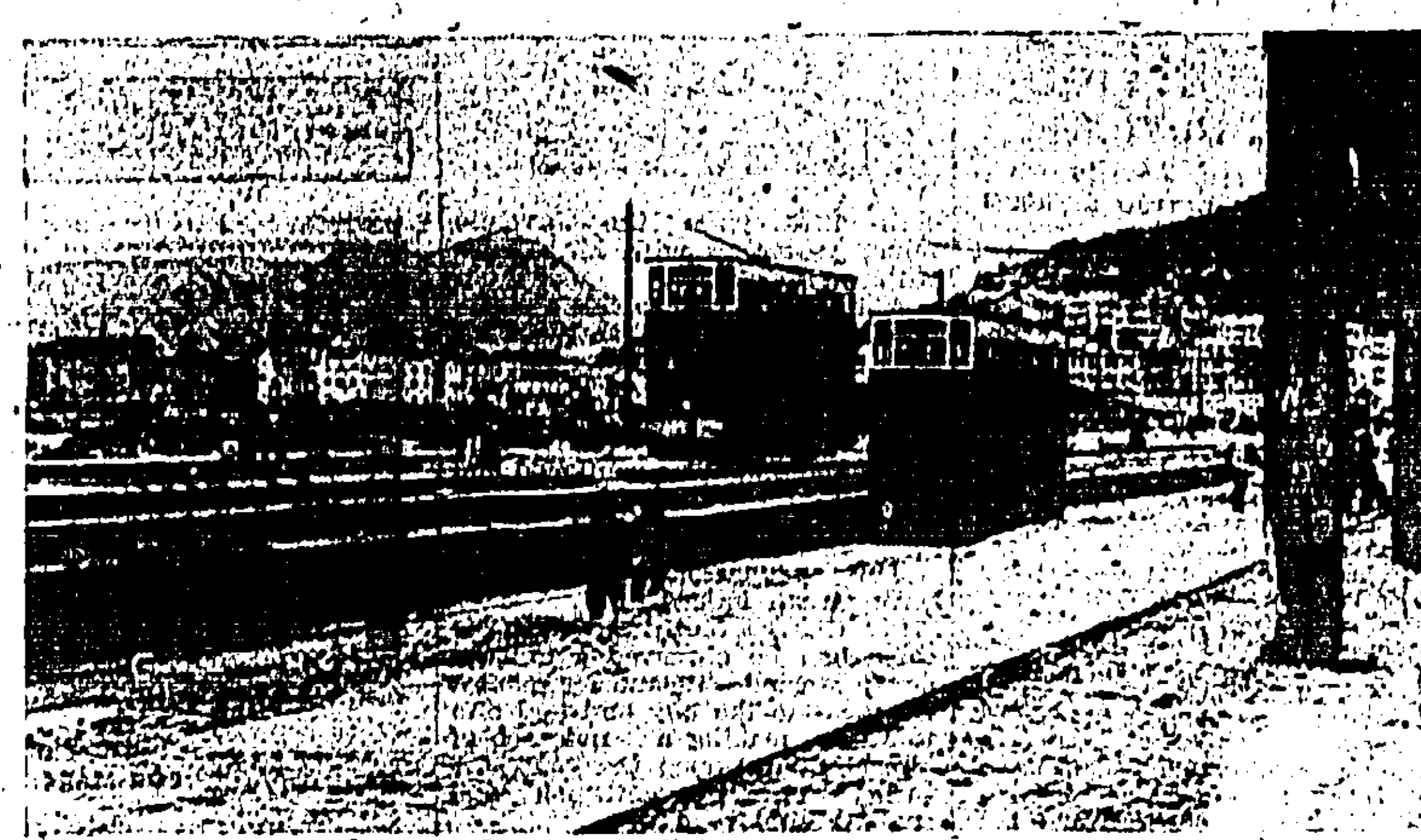
May was responsible, accused went on, and he himself could not even know whether the job which May ordered done was to be a Government job or not.

Further questioned, Kwok told the court that he did not know if the Pokfulam job was a Government job when May gave him the order to do it. The same went with the Heimeyer job, he declared.

Counsel then inquired of accused whether May did tell him at Pokfulam that he was to look for a contractor, to which Kwok replied in the negative. May, he stated, would not have told him to look for a contractor in the way, knowing full well that he was a Government foreman.

Asked how he could understand how Dr. Thomas got the impression that a contractor would be sent out to Pokfulam, Kwok told the court that he did not know what conversation took place between Dr. Thomas and the second accused.

No Contractor
Mr. Clifford then asked ac-



MAGISTRATES ORDINANCE

Passage of the Magistrates Amendment Ordinance 1949 through the Legislative Council was delayed yesterday.

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The Council also passed the first reading of the British-American Tobacco Company (China) Limited Capital Conversion Ordinance 1949, which seeks legal sanction for the Company to convert the currency of its capital from Mexican dollars to Hong Kong dollars.

The Bill was introduced by Mr. D. F. Landale and seconded by Sir Man-Kam Lo.

The word "contractor" mentioned at all, he said. If any mention was ever made, accused further said, May would not have troubled to tell him as foreman later to bring an underground cable to the house and to make an estimate of the job.

Kwok went on to state that had May mentioned the word "contractor" he would not have taken the trouble of showing the lighting points and other electrical items to him. Referring to Kwok's statement once more, Mr. Clifford pointed out the following sentence therein: "I heard May tell Dr. Thomas that he would call a contractor to do the work." Kwok denied having heard May say that for the doctor. If May was going to call a contractor, he added, he would never have told him to take materials out of the stores.

Further questioned, accused declared that had May not given him the instructions to use Government men and materials, how could he have dared as foreman to use Government men and materials. By working thus without May's knowledge, he stated, May would eventually have found that out by shortages appearing on other jobs.

Kwok denied a suggestion from Counsel that the reason why he had said he was under instructions from May was that he thought it good defence for himself. Kwok reasoned that had May not told him to do the work, he would not have found his way to Dr. Thomas' house at Pokfulam.

Kwok was further cross-examined intensively on the substance of the various systems and procedure of arranging labour and drawing material, during which time Mr. Clifford put it to him that he had been conspiring with Ho Sung and some others behind May's back to carry out private contracting. This suggestion was denied.

After further questioning, hearing was adjourned until 10 o'clock this morning, when Kwok will be further cross-examined.

Hall of the Government's road-raising and reclamation project at Kowloon. The single tramway track on the raised portion of the road is already in use. Work on filling in the other part of the road will begin either today or tomorrow.—"China Mail" Photo.

Evacuation Of RAAF Equipment

(By Our Harbour Reporter)

The ss. Nankin arrived here yesterday en route to Australia to mark the fourth stage of the evacuation of Royal Australian Air Force equipment and personnel from Koro.

This is the third last shipment from Japan and consists of six Mustang fighters and accessories.

Travelling with them are two non-commissioned officers of the RAAF, which has only one squadron left in Japan today.

The evacuation of RAAF craft began late last year and so far 14 aircraft had been sent home by sea. This is the Nankin's second assignment. She brought back four Mustangs on her last visit here.

Another ship is due here bringing eight Mustangs. The last shipment of six more fighters is expected to be on its way shortly.

To preserve the fuselage and general condition of the craft, special treatment had been done on the planes.

The air screws wing tips and tail planes have been stripped off. Anti-corrosive paint was smeared all over the body of each craft and all the joints were sealed. Scotch tape was used to cover the fuselage. They are held securely on special stands at the stern to withstand strong winds.

Rain is the chief enemy. Heat and salt water are not so damaging. Daily vigilance is kept over them by the two NEOs. Where necessary, fresh tape is added to the patches caused by heat or rain.

The Mustangs are surplus craft of the British Occupation Forces. Each can be ready for service again within four weeks of re-assembly.

The RAAF had three squadrons operating over Japanese skies, but two had already been sent home.

The Nankin has also military equipment of the Royal Air Force, Royal Marines and the New Zealand Army. There are 69 Nissan trucks, kept in several huge crates, 75 vehicles, including trucks, jeeps and preheaters. There are several hundred cases of anti-malaria liquid used by the Allied forces in the Pacific Islands.

More than 2,000 tons of flour and general cargo were discharged here. She has 450 tons of military stores aboard in transit for Australia.

Besides the cargo, the Nankin brought 45 mail bags to Hong Kong.

One of the "Cattle Ships" of the P. & O., the Nankin carried about 200 cattle to New Guinea from Australia.

Court Acquits Sailors

Joseph McGuinness, Vincent Judge and William James McCoway, able seamen of HMS Encore, were found not guilty of rape and robbery at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, and were discharged.

The jury deliberated for 45 minutes before arriving at their verdict. They were exempted from jury service for two years.

The three sailors were charged with raping Lee Yuk-ngo, 25-year-old Chinese woman, in a hut in Wooning Street, robbing Leslie George Cubitt, leading telegraphist of HMS Tamar, of HK\$20 with violence, and larceny of HK\$30, a cigarette lighter and a propelling pencil.

On the charge of rape, the jury found the three sailors not guilty. On the charge of robbery, the jury found the three sailors not guilty.

The case, which occupied four days, was heard by the Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson.

The prosecution was conducted by Mr. M. Heenan, Crown Counsel, assisted by Detective Sub-Inspector Sumner. Mr. V. L. D'Alton represented the three accused.

Personalities

Twenty-year-old Miss Cynthia Silver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Silver, was knocked down by a car at Ballarat, Victoria, Australia, recently and was admitted to hospital for treatment. Miss Silver is attending the Melbourne University in Australia. Her father is connected with the Hong Kong office of the Sun Life Insurance Company of Canada.

Professor L. B. Allen will address the Y. M. C. Club of Hong Kong today at the Root Garden, Hong Kong Hotel. The meeting will start at 12.45 p.m. Professor Allen will speak on "Tomorrow's World Today."

A talk on "The Work of the Natural Science Department of the United Nations Educational and Scientific Cultural Organisation" will be given at St. Joseph's College at 5.15 p.m. today.

The speaker will be Dr. Wang Gung-hsi, head of the Division of Pure Science, UNESCO, and Director of the Psychological Institute Academia Sinica.

The forthcoming weddings have been announced of Mr. Alfred Joseph Angell, seaman, of 28, President Wilson, and Miss Natividad Lopez, of 28 Austin Road, first floor. Sub-Inspector Constantine Petrovich Sherever, H.K.P., of the Marine Police, and Mrs. Vera Ivanovna Nilitin, of 15 Cameron Road, second floor.

Arrivals from Cayton by the ss. Fethan yesterday included Mrs. Dorcas Carlisle, Mrs. E. M. Thomas, the Reverend Fr. M. P. Gilligan, Miss Lois L. Armentrout, Jack Percival, J. E. Morrison, R. M. Ramsden, Edwin E. Walling, Harold G. Ruch, Frank L. Kluckhohn, E. Balao and M. Ruiz.

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesday included Mr. and Mrs. L. Richard, Mr. and Mrs. R. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Lin Jong, Messrs. J. A. Turner, H. A. W. Retting, W. S. Chatterjee, F. S. Brainard, T. Sadler, B. G. Menon, and T. P. Wang.

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesday were Mrs. J. M. Fairchild, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. W. Churchill, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Magill, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. L. Ludington, Messrs. L. G. Cousins, Royal Leonard, C. L. Pearson, K. A. Hayward, E. F. Jenkins, J. E. Morgan and W. G. Rimmer.

Reminders

Today

Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Y. M. C. Club of Hong Kong, luncheon at Chinese Bankers Club, Bank of East Asia Building, 12.45 p.m.

Exhibition of woodcuts and lithography by Mr. Hwang Yung-yu, Fung Ping Shan Library, 9 a.m.

St. John's Cathedral annual general meeting, Cathedral Hall, 5.30 p.m.

British Council weekly show of documentary films, talk on "Industry and Crafts" by Mr. D. S. Hill, Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

Duplicate Bridge Competition, Kowloon Cricket Club, 6 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

HK Art Club sponsors lecture on art by Mr. Douglas Bland, PRO lecture room, 5.30 p.m.

HK Football Reference Association Dinner, China Fleet Club, 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

Toc H Club Classical Concert, Talbot House, 50, MacDonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

HK Light Orchestra, concert of popular music, Peninsula Hotel, 9 p.m.

JUNK FIRED AT BY ARMED MEN

A junk entering British waters near Castle Peak was ordered to halt by a band of unidentified men yesterday.

The men fired numerous gun shots wounding two of the five junk crew.

When the junk arrived at Castle Peak her master reported the incident to the police who rushed the wounded persons to the Kowloon hospital.

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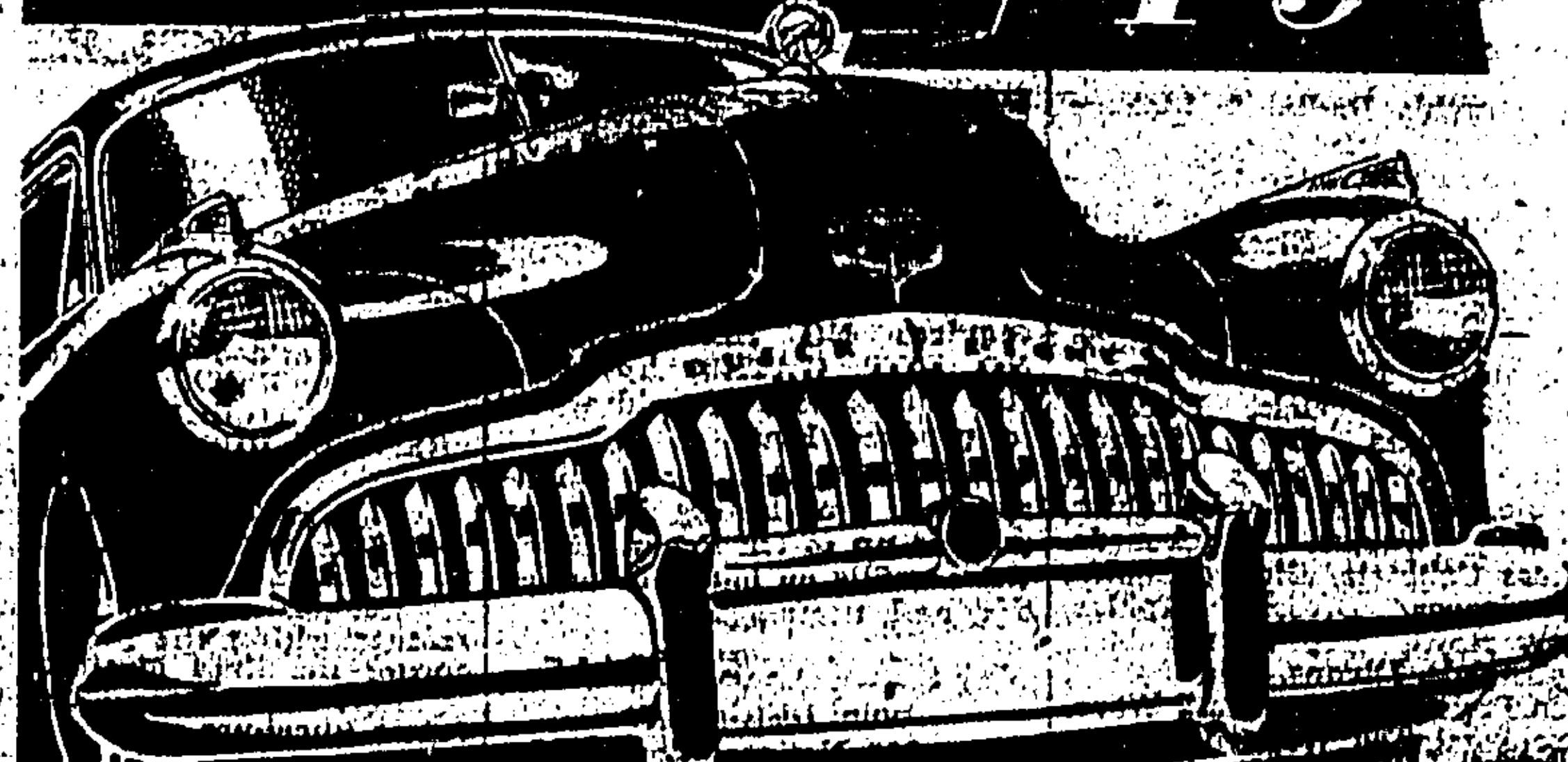
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on MONDAY, 28th March, 1949, at NOON to receive the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948, to elect Directors, and to appoint Auditors.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be closed from MONDAY, 14th March, 1949, to MONDAY, 28th March, 1949, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

B. C. FIELD, Secretary.

Hong Kong, March 4, 1949.

HONG KONG TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

An Informal talk will be given in St. Joseph's College Hall on Thursday, March 10 at 5.15 p.m. on—

"The Work of the Natural Science Department of UNESCO". The speaker will be—

Dr. Wang Ging-hsi, Ph.D.

Head of the Division of Pure Sciences, the Natural Science Dept., UNESCO, and Director of the Psychological Institute Academia Sinica.

MISS M. HEARSON, Joint Hon. Secretary, Hong Kong Teachers' Association.

March 7, 1949.

THE CONFRATERNITY OF OUR LORD DOS PASSOS

The Feast of Our Lord dos Passos will be celebrated at the Catholic Cathedral on Sunday, 13th March, 1949, all Members of the Confraternity and the Catholic Community are cordially invited to attend.

High Mass at 8 a.m.

Rosary, Procession, Sermon & Benediction at 4 p.m.

GEORGE A. VAS, Hon. Secretary.

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AIRMAIL FROM UNITED KINGDOM

The Airmail from United Kingdom, scheduled to arrive on Thursday, March 10, has been delayed and is now expected to arrive on Saturday, March 12, 1949.

OUTWARD MAIL TO U.K.

A surface mail to United Kingdom per

1145 "Corfu" will be closed as follows:—

GPO—Parcels 5 p.m. March 12, Reg.

5 a.m. March 14, Ord. 9.30 a.m. March 14.

Kowloon GPO—Parcels 5 p.m. March 12, Reg. 5.30 a.m. March 14, Ord. 9 a.m. March 14.

This mail is expected to arrive at London on or about April 16, 1949.

With effect from March 3, 1949, all correspondence intended to be forwarded

"by air to London only" and then by surface mail to destination, must be

superimposed "By Air to London only".

(In future it will not be sufficient to merely superimpose such correspondence

"via London".)

Articles and Parcels sent close to the

close before 10 a.m. Registered and Parcel

Post close at 6 p.m. on the previous day.

Mails are closed at Kowloon Central

Post Office half an hour earlier than the

GPO closing times.

THURSDAY, MARCH 10

Closing Times by Air

Canton and Hankow, (Kowloon GPO) 7.50

a.m., 10 a.m., 12.30 p.m., 2.30 p.m.,

(GPO) 7 a.m., 9.30 a.m., Noon, 2 p.m.

Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.)

8.30 a.m. (Ord.) 9 a.m.

Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m.

(Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Kowloon and Lintow, (Reg.)

Airmail for Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking

and Tientsin, (Reg.) 8 p.m. (Ord.)

8.30 p.m.

Airmail for Kowloon: Airmail for Chung-

king, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Swatow and Tientsin, (Reg.)

8 p.m. (Ord.) 8.30 p.m.

Airmail for Bangkok, Calcutta, Karachi,

Bombay, Alexandria (Nairobi), Joha-

nabad, Rome and London, (Kowloon

GPO) (Reg.) 4 p.m., (Ord.) 4.30

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6 p.m.

Airmail for Bangkok, Batavia, Colombo,

Sydney and Auckland, (Reg.) 4.30

p.m. (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Airmail for Saigon and Paris, (Reg.) 4.30

p.m. (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Airmail for Singapore, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m.

(Ord.) 5 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea

Bangkok, Noon.

Saigon and Macassar, 1 p.m.

Japan, 3 p.m.

Yamaguchi (via Canton), 5 p.m.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Delivery Order No. 055289 issued by us on Holt's Wharf for four (4) cases Cotton Yarn is declared lost and invalid.

(signed) H. D. BENHAM, Manager.

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NOTICE

THE HONG KONG AND YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

Notice is hereby given that the Twenty-First Ordinary Annual Meeting of the Company will be held at the Company's Office, Jordan Road Ferry Pier, Kowloon, on Saturday, the 26th March, 1949, at 12.00 noon for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1948.

Notice is also given that the Share Register of the Company will be closed from the 16th to 26th March, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

LAU TAK PO, Managing Director.

Hong Kong, March 10, 1949.

EQUINE SPORTS CLUB

An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Equine Sports Club will be held at the premises of the Sports Club on Tuesday, March 15, 1949, at 6.00 p.m. All members are urged to attend.

D. M. HYKES, Hon. Secretary.

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Court Brevities

Brevities from the Juvenile Court yesterday with Mr. Blair-Kerr on the bench:

A little boy tried to ride a push-bike that was more than twice his size, and ran into a bus. He was charged with not having full control of the bicycle. After being warned of the danger that may be involved, he was cautioned and discharged.

This youngster spat at the wrong man indeed. Mr. Charles Mottram was in his car when he observed a Chinese boy pestering someone for money. He went to the boy and told him to stop making a nuisance of himself, whereupon the youngster turned on the gentleman and spat at him.

Mr. Charles Mottram is the Assistant Director of Criminal Investigations.

The boy was remanded for 24 hours in Inspector Evans' custody to look into his record.

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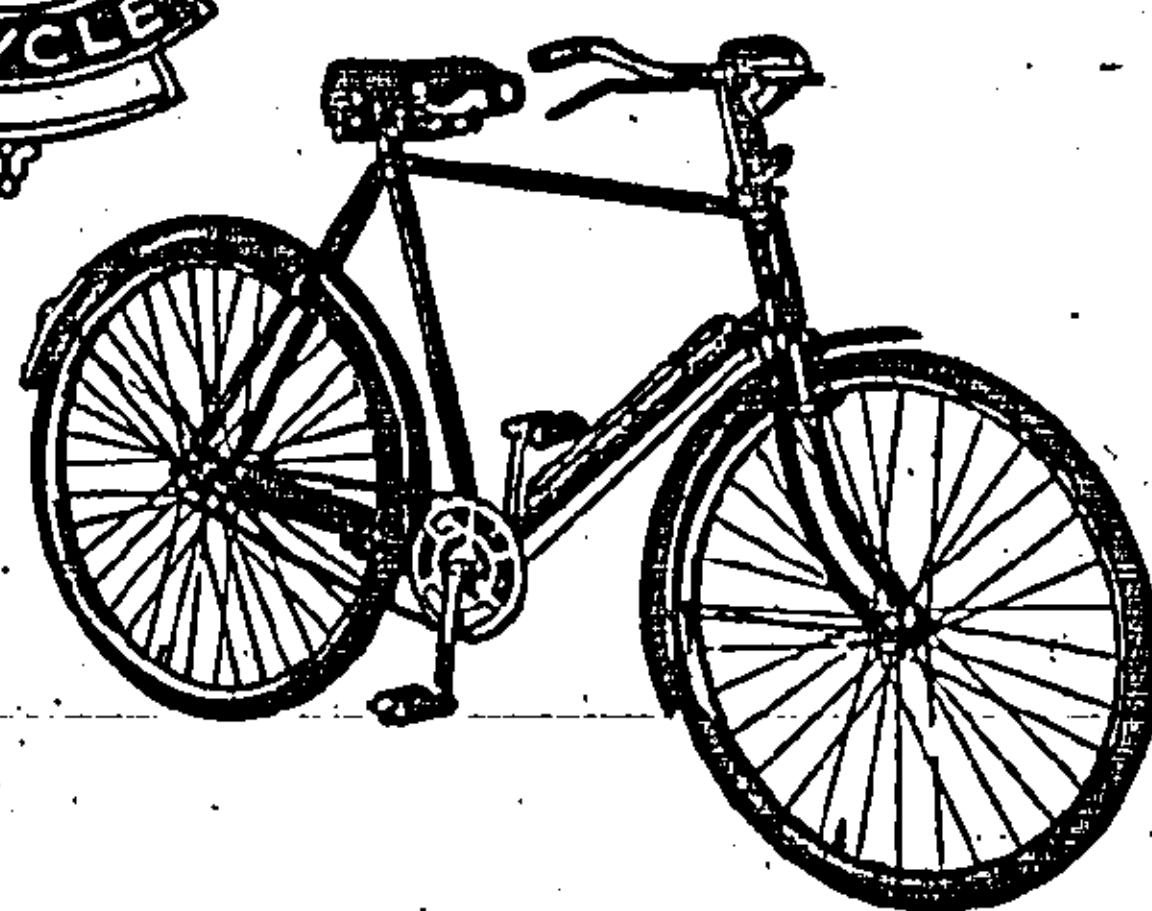
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NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Third Race Meeting,

Saturday, 12th March, 1949

There are ten races, the First Race will be run at 1.30 p.m. The first race will be run at 2.00 p.m. and the last race at 6.20 p.m.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 including tax are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member, to be responsible for all costs etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurer's Comptroller Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 27518).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Bookmakers, Tipsters, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Servants' passes will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

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By Dick Turner



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By Shepard Barclay

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IT CAN'T BE OVERDONE AMONG the few things that cannot be overdone is taking stock of your position, by counting winning and losing tricks. Still another is the giving of examples by someone trying to hammer the idea into your head. When you eventually get it, clearly, you will find that it is more important than such things as willy-nilly favouring a longer suit, or the reverse, a more nearly solid suit, as a means of settling up trick-takers. The number surely in sight in the suits is the starting point of sound figuring.

S 2
H A Q 10 4
D 7 3
C A Q 10 7 4 3
S Q J 7 3
H K 7 3
D 9 5
C K J 9 2
S A K 7 3
H J 9
D A K 4
C 6 5

(Dealer: South. North-South vulnerable.)

South	West	North	East
1 S	Pass	2 C	Pass
2 D	Pass	2 H	Pass
3 C	Pass	3 C	Pass

Winning the diamond J with the Q, South saw that "obviously" the clubs are a better suit to set up than hearts, because I have the same number of each in my hand and there are two more clubs than hearts in the dummy.

So here's what happened. South finessed the club 10 to the J on the second trick, took the

diamond 9 with his A, then led the club 5. Seeing West discard, he came in with the A and then changed plans since clubs could not establish. He came to his hand with the spade A and sent the heart J through. East let it win, then took the finesse of the heart Q with his K. The spade Q was returned to the K, but then South was through. When he lost the next trick, the spade 7 led to the 9, East also scored the spade J and club K to beat him a trick.

Proper trick counting would have shown South three certain tricks in diamonds, two in spades and one in clubs. Only three more were required for his game. These three were absolutely certain in hearts, even with the finesse. Losing counting, that way should have made it clear as crystal that hearts were his meat and clubs possible poison.

Tomorrow's Problem

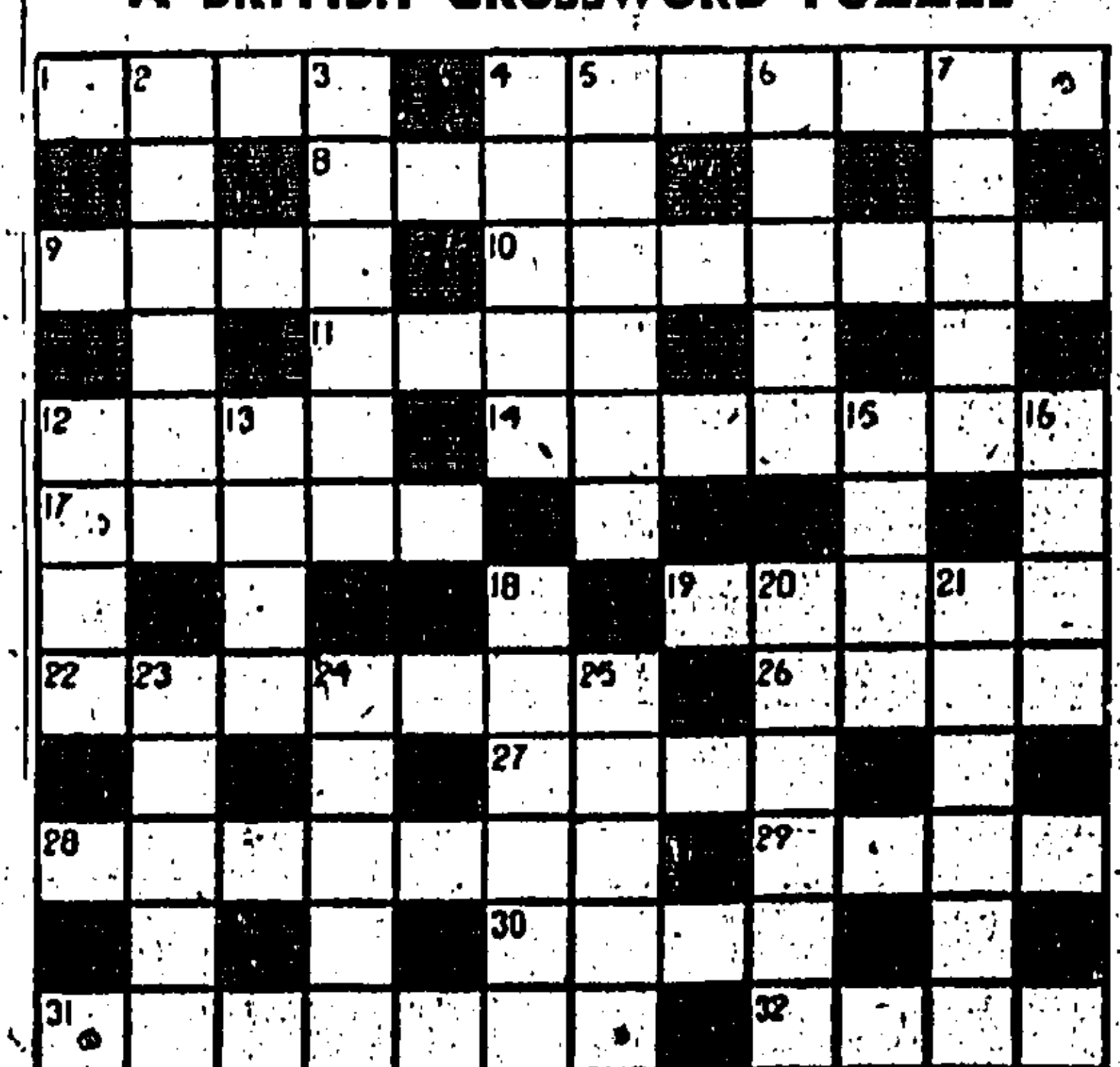
S 10 4 3
H J 8
D J 10 9 7 3
C 9 5 3

S Q 9 2
H A K Q
D 9 3
C J 4

(Dealer: West. Both sides vulnerable.)

If you got into 5-Clubs on the South cards of this deal, how would you play after West leads the heart K and then the Q?

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Across

1 Throw.
4 Confused.
8 Destroy.
9 Cowshed.
10 Like.
11 Assist.
12 Chase.
14 Take ill.
17 Wrong.

Down

2 Refuge.
3 Negotiates.
4 Niggard.
5 Joined.
6 Impel.
7 Freche.
12 Stop.
13 Pleasant.
15 Observe.
16 Kind.

Yesterday's Crossword

ACROSS—1 Custom, 2 Appeal, 3 Refer, 4 Mortar, 10 Reign, 11 Liar, 12 Open, 13 Tiers, 15 Be-heat, 18 Evaded, 20 Elder, 22 Deal, 23 Start, 25 Tunes, 26 Erupt, 27 Erase, 28 Feels, 29 Served.

DOWN—1 Composer, 2 Survived, 3 Oral, 4 Maritid, 5 Aerated, 6 Precis, 7 Anger, 14 Alimony, 15 Analyzed, 16 Bar, 17 Helms, 19 Vessel, 21 Image, 24 Tree.

BRITAIN'S NEW WEAPON FOR WAR UNDER WATER

Second Child For Lamour

Hollywood, March 9. Dorothy Lamour, siren of the screen, announced today that she and her husband, William Ross Howard III, expect their second child in September. The approaching event will have no immediate effect on her career, she said. The Howards have a son aged three.—Associated Press.

War Mines Washed Up In Germany

Bremenhaven, March 8. Ten large mines have been washed ashore near the mouth of this American-occupied port by recent storms.

They are German mines laid during the war, and are being detonated by German workmen.

A small ship sunk in a collision with a German fishing vessel on Thursday night has been identified as the Anna, 107 tons, out of Hamburg.

No survivors from the Anna could be found by the fishing vessel.

It is possible that the crew was below deck making repairs when the collision occurred. The number aboard is not known here.—Associated Press.

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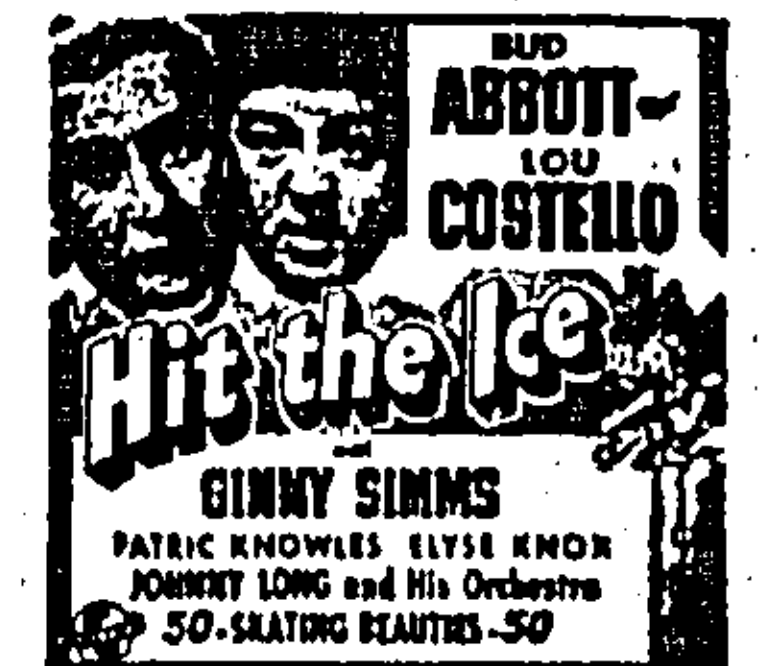
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BRITAIN TO HAVE ITS OWN BIKINI

London, March 8. The Royal Navy will make an official test of gamma rays, similar to those radiated by the atom bomb, off the South coast of England this summer, it was announced today.

The rays will be directed against the cruiser Arethusa (5,300 tons) from pontoons moored close by. Shipping will be warned to keep out of the area.

The Admiralty stated that there will be no danger to the public.—Reuter.

COLONIAL GOVERNOR'S RETURN TO ISLANDS

London, March 8. Earl Baldwin, Governor of the Leeward Islands, is going back, in spite of the indignant criticism of his rule from the "upper crust" of society in the tiny British sugar colony.

The loquacious, prankish son of Stanley Baldwin, pre-war Conservative leader and a former Premier, saw the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, today, and came out smiling.

"Matters have been settled to our mutual satisfaction," he told Reuters after the interview.

The man who has been accused of insulting United States air base personnel, officers on the Royal Navy and British officials and politicians, expects to leave for Government House Antigua, on Friday.

The Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, was present when Earl Baldwin went to No. 10, Downing Street, the Premier's official residence.

Lord Baldwin has had three interviews with the Colonial Secretary since his recall to London "for consultations" a month ago.

A despatch from Antigua said yesterday that it is clear that whatever decision the Government takes on Lord Baldwin's future, many people in the Leeward Islands will be displeased.

Official sources are silent on the details of the interview. There is an impression that the talks may have smoothed out any policy differences that existed.—Reuter.

Some 200 former Japanese soldiers who escaped capture have established a self-sufficient community in a thick Mindanao forest, according to word received from the Southern island.

First word of the community, near Mount Apo in Bukidnon Province, came from Private Nakamura Zingichi, a captured Japanese straggler.

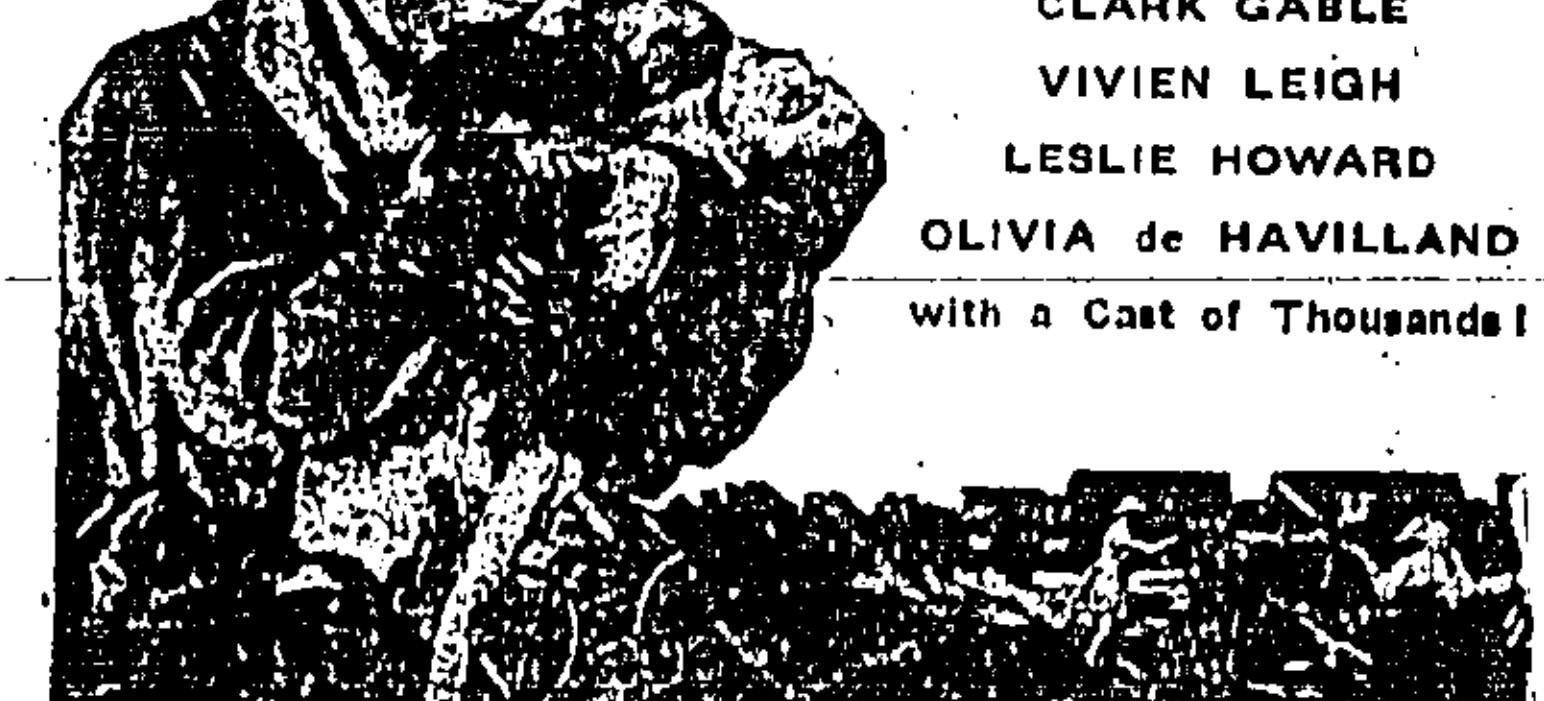
A police patrol later discovered a 10-acre plot under cultivation in the middle of the jungle. The gardens were well arranged and planted with cabbages, radishes, pechay, lettuce and carrots.

The Japanese have intermarried with the natives. A few Japanese women who escaped from Davao during the war are in the community.

The police patrol heeded a warning that it was an inadequate size to pursue and capture the Japanese.—United Press.

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Accused Woman's Tears In Court

Munich, March 8. A sharp-faced German, who posed as a spy courier, was a star prosecution witness today in the espionage trial of eight Europeans.

Shortly after Wilhelm Moeckel took the stand to tell of his activities with the three women defendants, one of them broke down, weeping loudly.

Brigadier-General John McKee, Chairman of the Commission, ordered adjournment so that Gertrude Doerre, aged 26, could compose herself. But as the Commission left the room she leapt to her feet and pointed at the witness.

"He could say I even killed somebody and they would believe him," she shouted in Czech. Maria Habek, another woman defendant, put her arms around Doerre who continued to sob violently.

The eight defendants are charged with having obtained U.S. military information for a foreign power. Thus far, a former Czech intelligence captain has linked three of the defendants directly with his own operations. He fled his country last November, bringing secret files to the U.S. zone of Germany.

Moeckel, who testified in a firm brisk voice, said he was a German workman employed by the American counter-intelligence service.

He said he had made frequent trips into Czechoslovakia as a workman and had met the three women there along with two members of the Czechoslovak intelligence service.

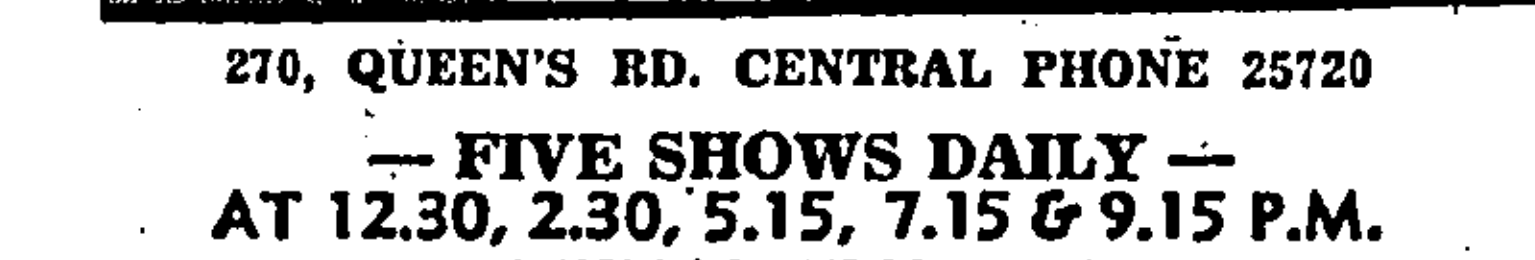
He later accompanied them on repeated trips across the border. He testified that all transmitted U.S. zone information to Czechoslovakia.

Moeckel said he had known the women over a long period and that they had frequently asked him to carry packages across the border for them.

Edith Ditttrich, he said, accompanied him on two or three trips into Czechoslovakia and carried information in a handbag.—Associated Press.

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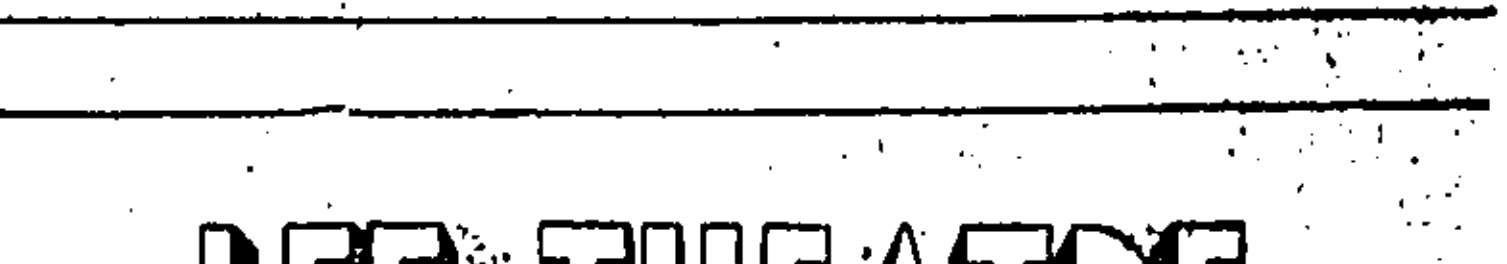


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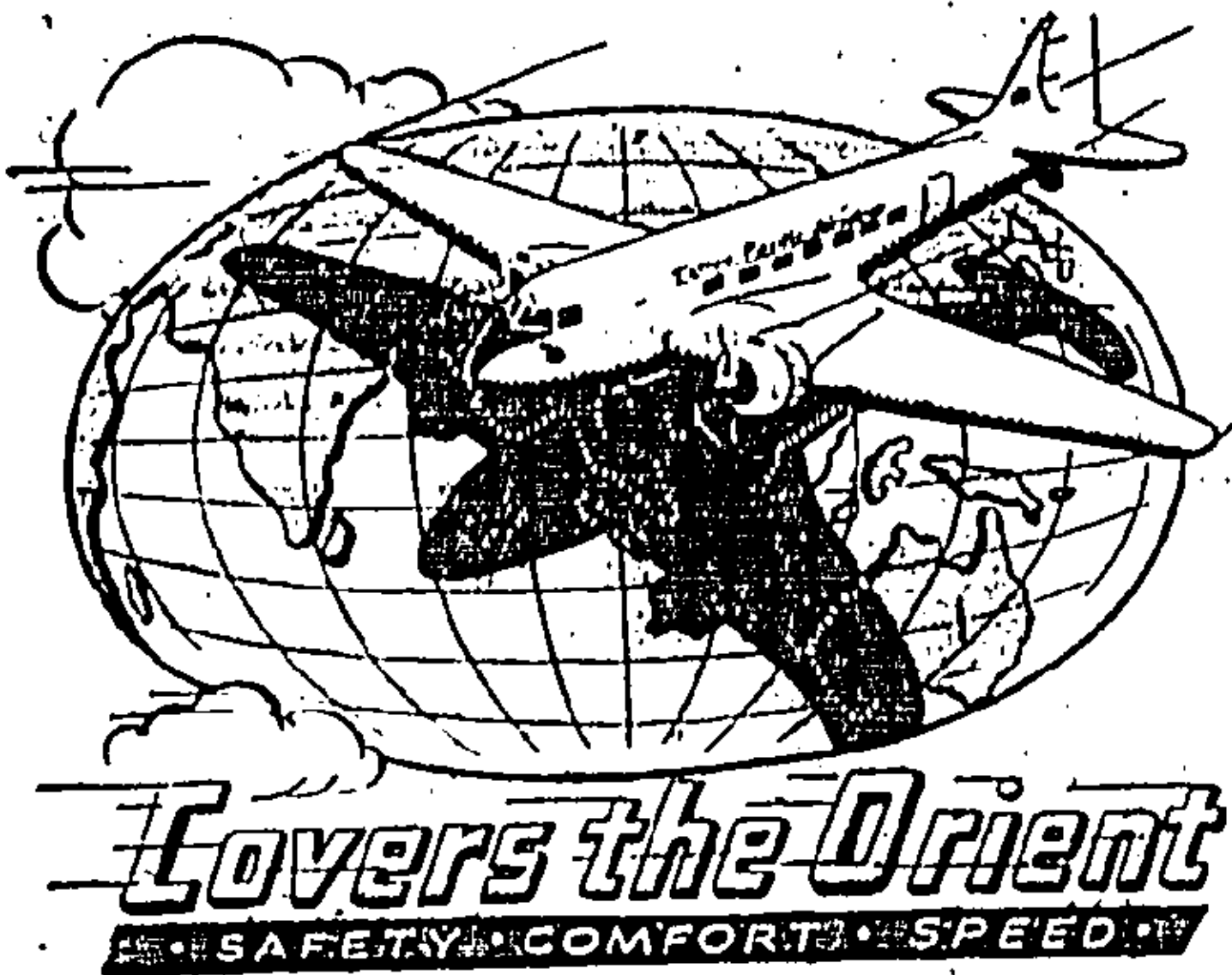
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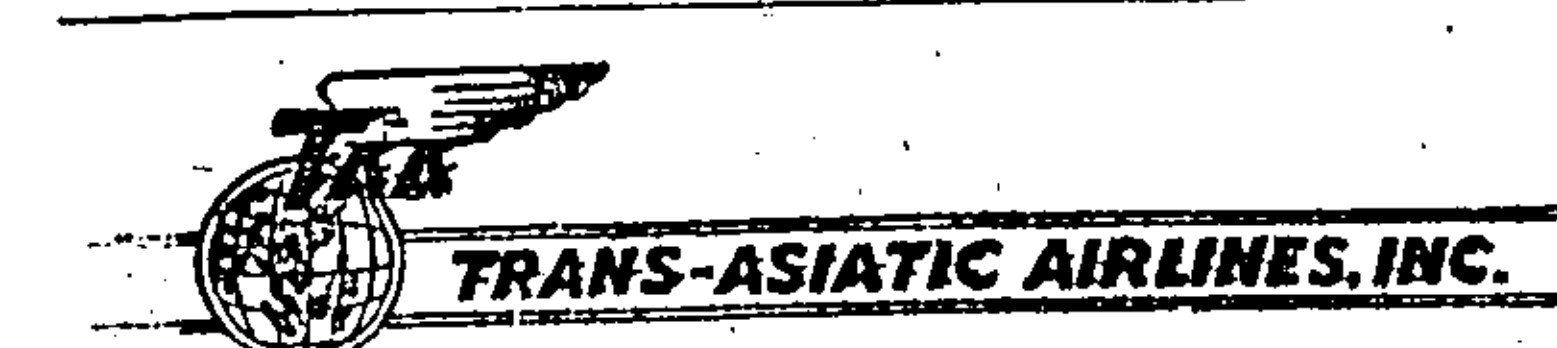


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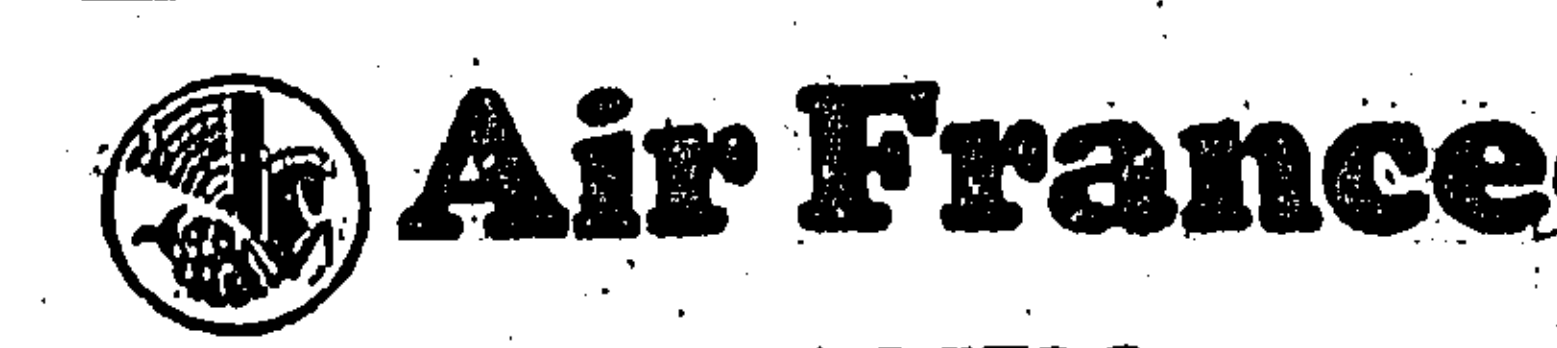
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BIRTH
RODRIGUES—On March 6, to Cynthia, wife of Dr. A. M. Rodrigues, a daughter. Both mother and child doing well. (Shanghai and Macao papers please copy).

INDIA GOING
Yesterday's news that India will sever her Commonwealth ties and become an independent republic within a few months, did not come as a surprise. Many of us continued to hope, however, even to the twelfth hour, that something would develop to keep her within the comity of nations. Pandit Nehru has shattered any such ideas. India, he said, will not commit herself to any future military or political alliances, but will pursue the role of world peace-maker. He believes his country is best fitted to play its part in the avoidance of war as the meeting ground of the East and the West. India, he added, would resist all interference in her own internal affairs. Nothing could be more definite. The once "brightest jewel in the British crown" is getting out for good, and cutting all ties. Those of us who are British cannot view this except with profound dismay, and not because of any selfish personal loss. After all, India's complete independence was effected as soon after the war as possible, but until now she has co-ordinated defence and some other matters with the Commonwealth. There has been vast activity in the great sub-continent since the war, and numerous laws passed in an endeavour to remove the age-old caste distinctions, improve production and so on. Just how much radical improvement has been made is another matter. One thing is quite obvious, and that is—India is quite incapable of defending herself against a powerful aggressor. Yet the British Navy is to be banished from her shores, and American military protection is unwanted. The government's attitude seems to be that neutrality will turn back the swirling tides of Communism now sweeping steadily towards her shores. Nehru is no lover of Marxism, but it seems incredible that he should be so much a mystic as to believe that the realist Joseph Stalin will remove his lusty eyes from the riches of India because of a declaration of neutrality—that exploded safeguard. At a time when even the Scandinavian nations are deciding to abandon their age-old stand of impartiality, India seems determined, in her bitterness against the West, to imperil the recently launched ship rather than join the convoy. Should India be swallowed up by Communism as China is being, the rest of the world might as well start preparing immediately for total war—with not much chance of winning it.

Exciting Tales
For three nights Londoners had sat in their houses or inadequate shelters enduring what seemed to be an utterly unrelenting attack. Suddenly, on September 10, the whole barrage opened accompanied by a blaze of searchlights. This roaring cannonade did not do much harm to the enemy, but gave enormous satisfaction to the population. Everyone was cheered by the fact that we were hitting back. From that time onwards the batteries fired regularly, and of course practice, ingenuity and grinding need steadily improved the shooting. In the hope that it may lighten the hard course of this narrative, I record a few notes about the Blitz, well knowing how many thousands have far more exciting tales to tell. When the bombardment first began the idea was to treat it with disdain. In the West End everybody went about their business and pleasure and dined and slept as they usually did. The theatres were full, and the darkened streets were crowded with casual traffic. All this was perhaps a healthy reaction from the frightful squawk which the defeatist elements in Paris had put up on the occasion when they were first seriously raided in May. I remember dining in a small company, when very lively and continuous raids were going on. The large widows of Stompany House opened upon the Green Park, which flickered with the flashes of the guns and was occasionally lit by the glare of an exploding bomb. I felt that we were taking unnecessary risks. After dinner we went to the Imperial Chemical building overlooking the Embankment. From these high stone balconies there was a splendid view of the river. At least a dozen fires were burning on the South side, and while we were there, several heavy bombs fell, one near enough for my friends to pull me back behind a substantial stone pillar. This certainly confirmed my opinion that we should have to accept many restrictions upon the ordinary amenities of life.

Blown Down
The group of Government buildings around Whitehall were repeatedly hit. Downing-street consists of houses 250 years old, shaky and lightly built by the professional contractor whose name they bear. At the time of the Munich alarm, shelters had been constructed for the occupants of No. 10 and No. 11, and the rooms on the garden level had their ceilings propped up with a wooden under-celling and strong timbers. It was believed this would support the ruins if the building was blown down, but of course, neither this nor the other shelters were of much use when they were hit. During the last fortnight of September, 1940, preparations were made to transfer my Ministry of Information to the more modern and solid Government offices looking towards St. James's Park by Storey's Gate. These quarters we called "The Annex."

NEW APOSTOLIC DELEGATE
Vatican City, March 9. Pope Pius XII has appointed Monsignor Massimo de' Polignone to be Apostolic Delegate to Shanghai. Monsignor de' Polignone will be accompanied by the Pope's secretary, Monsignor de' Polignone, who is a native of the province of Pavia. Monsignor de' Polignone was born in 1894, and was a member of the pontifical college of Cardinals. He was ordained a priest in 1921. Associated Press.

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THEIR FINEST HOUR

The Raids On London

By Winston Churchill

The first German aim had been the destruction of our air power; the second was to break the spirit of the Londoner, or at least render uninhabitable the world's largest city. In these new purposes the enemy did not succeed. The victory of the Royal Air Force had been gained by the skill and daring of our pilots, by the excellence of our machines, and by their wonderful organisation. Other factors were indispensable to the life of Britain, were now to be displayed by millions of ordinary humble people, who proved to the world the strength of a community nursed in freedom. From September 7 to November 3 an average of 200 German bombers attacked London every night. The various preliminary raids which had been made upon our provincial cities in the previous three weeks had led to a considerable dispersion of our anti-aircraft artillery, and when London first became the main target there were but 92 guns in position. It was thought better to leave the air free for our nightfighters, working under No. 11 Group. Of these there were six squadrons of Blenheims and Defiants. Night-fighting was in its infancy, and very few casualties were inflicted on the enemy. Our batteries therefore remained silent for three nights in succession. Their own technique was at this time woefully imperfect. Nevertheless, in view of the weakness of our nightfighters and of their unsolved problems, it was decided that the anti-aircraft gunners should be given a free hand to fire at unseen targets, using any methods of control they liked. In 48 hours, Gen. Pile, commanding the Air Defence Artillery, had more than doubled the number of guns in the capital by withdrawing from the provincial districts. Our own aircraft were kept out of the way, and the batteries were given their chance.

In Flames
Archie and I went up to the cupola of the Annex building. The night was clear and there was a wide view of London. It seemed that the greater part of the city was in flames. At least five fierce fires were burning there, and others in St. James's street and Piccadilly. Farther back over the river in the opposite direction there were many conflagrations. But Pall Mall was the vivid flame-picture. Gradually the attack died down and presently only the blinding fires. We went downstairs to my new apartments on the first floor of the Annex and there found Captain David Margeson, the Chief Whip, who was accustomed to live at the Carlton Club. He told us the club had been blown to bits, and indeed he had thought, by the situation of the fire, that it must have been hit. He was in the club with about 250 members and staff. It had been struck by a heavy bomb. The whole of the facade and massive coping on the Pall Mall side had fallen into the street, obliterating his motor-car, which was pushed near the front door. The smoking room had been blown down and the whole ceiling had come down upon them. When I looked at the ruins next day it seemed incredible that most of them should not have been killed. However, by what seemed a miracle, they had all crawled out of the dust, smoke and rubble, and though many were injured, not a single life was lost. When I due course these facts came to the notice of the Cabinet, our Labour colleagues facetiously remarked, "The devil looks after his own." Mr. Quintin-Hogg had carried his father, a former Lord Chancellor (Lord Halsbury), on his shoulders from the wreck, as if he had borne Peter Anicheta from the ruins of Troy.

Heavy Explosion
One day after luncheon the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Kingsley Wood, came to see me on business at No. 10, and we heard a very heavy explosion take place across the river in South London. I took him to see what had happened. The bomb had fallen in Peckham. It was a very big one—probably a parachute-mine. It had completely destroyed or gutted 20 or 30 small three-story houses and cleared a considerable open space in this very poor district. Already little pathetic Union Jacks had been stuck up amid the ruins. When my car was recognised the people came running from all quarters, and a crowd of more than a thousand was soon gathered. All these folk were in a high state of enthusiasm. They crowded round us, cheering and manifesting every sign of lively affection, wanting to touch and stroke my clothes. One would have thought I had brought them some fine substantial benefit, which would improve their lot in life. I was completely underminded, and wept. Lennox, who was with me, records that he heard an old woman say, "You see, he really cares. He's crying." They were tears of not sorrow but of wonder and admiration. "But see, look

Haggard Crowd
When we got back into the car a haggard mood swept over this haggard crowd. "Give it 'em back," they cried, and "Let them have it too." I undertook forthwith to see that their wishes were carried out, and this promise was certainly kept. The dole was repaid tenfold, twentyfold in the frightful routine bombardment of German cities, which grew in intensity as our air power developed, as the bombs became far heavier and the explosives more powerful. Certainly the enemy got it all back in good measure, pressed down and running over. Alas for poor humanity! Another time I visited Margate. An air raid came upon us, and I was conducted into their big tunnel where quite large numbers of people lived permanently. When we came out, after a quarter of an hour, we looked at the still smoking damage. A small restaurant had been hit. Nobody had been hurt, but the place had been reduced to a litter of crockery, utensils and splintered furniture. The proprietor, his wife and the cooks and waitresses were in tears. Where was their home? Where was their livelihood? Here is a privilege of power. I formed an immediate resolve. On the way back to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, laying down the principle that all damage from the fire of the enemy must be a charge upon the State and compensation paid in full and at once. Thus the burden would not fall alone on those whose homes or business premises were hit, but would be shared by the shoulders of the nation. Kingsley Wood was naturally a little worried by the indefinite character of this obligation. But I pressed hard, and an insurance scheme was devised in a fortnight which afterwards played a substantial part in our affairs.

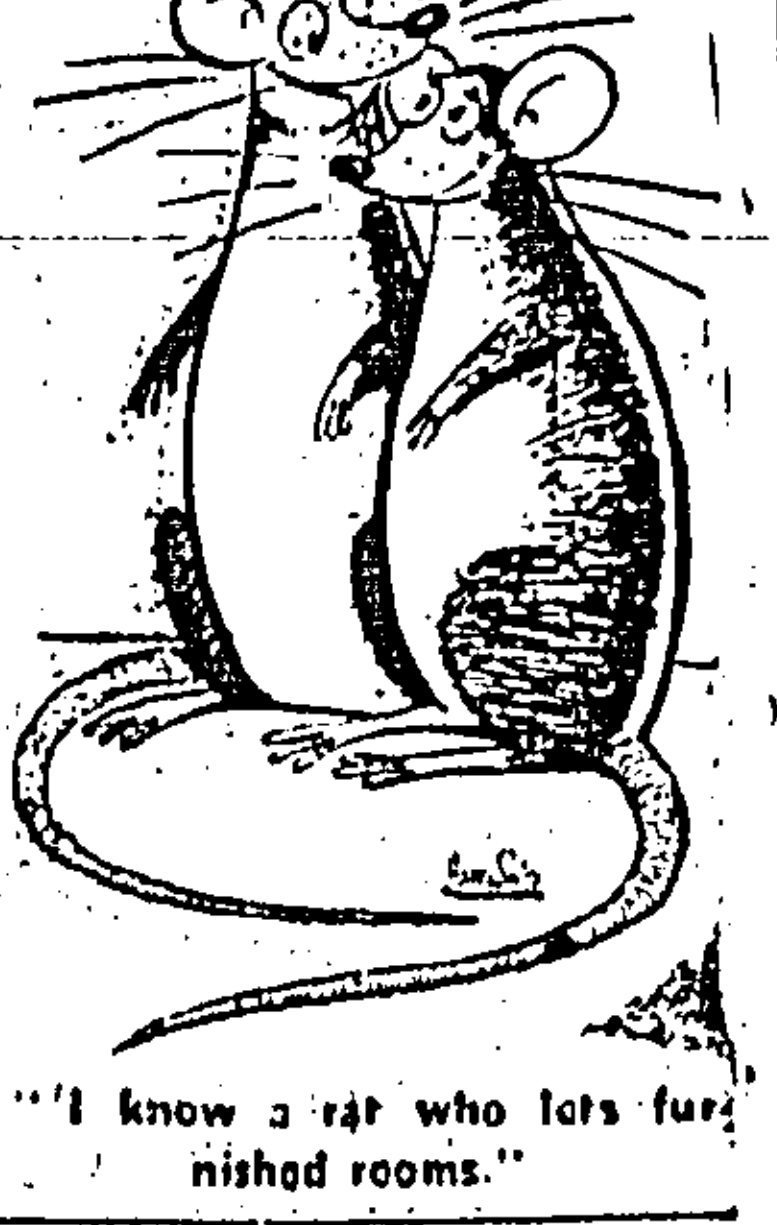
Very Glad
The Treasury went through various emotions about this insurance scheme. First they thought it was going to be their ruin; but when after May, 1941, the air raids ceased for over three years they began to make a great deal of money, and considered the plan prudent and statesmanlike. However, later on in the war when the "doodle-bugs" and rockets began, the account swung the other way, and £800m. has in fact already been paid out. I am very glad it is so.

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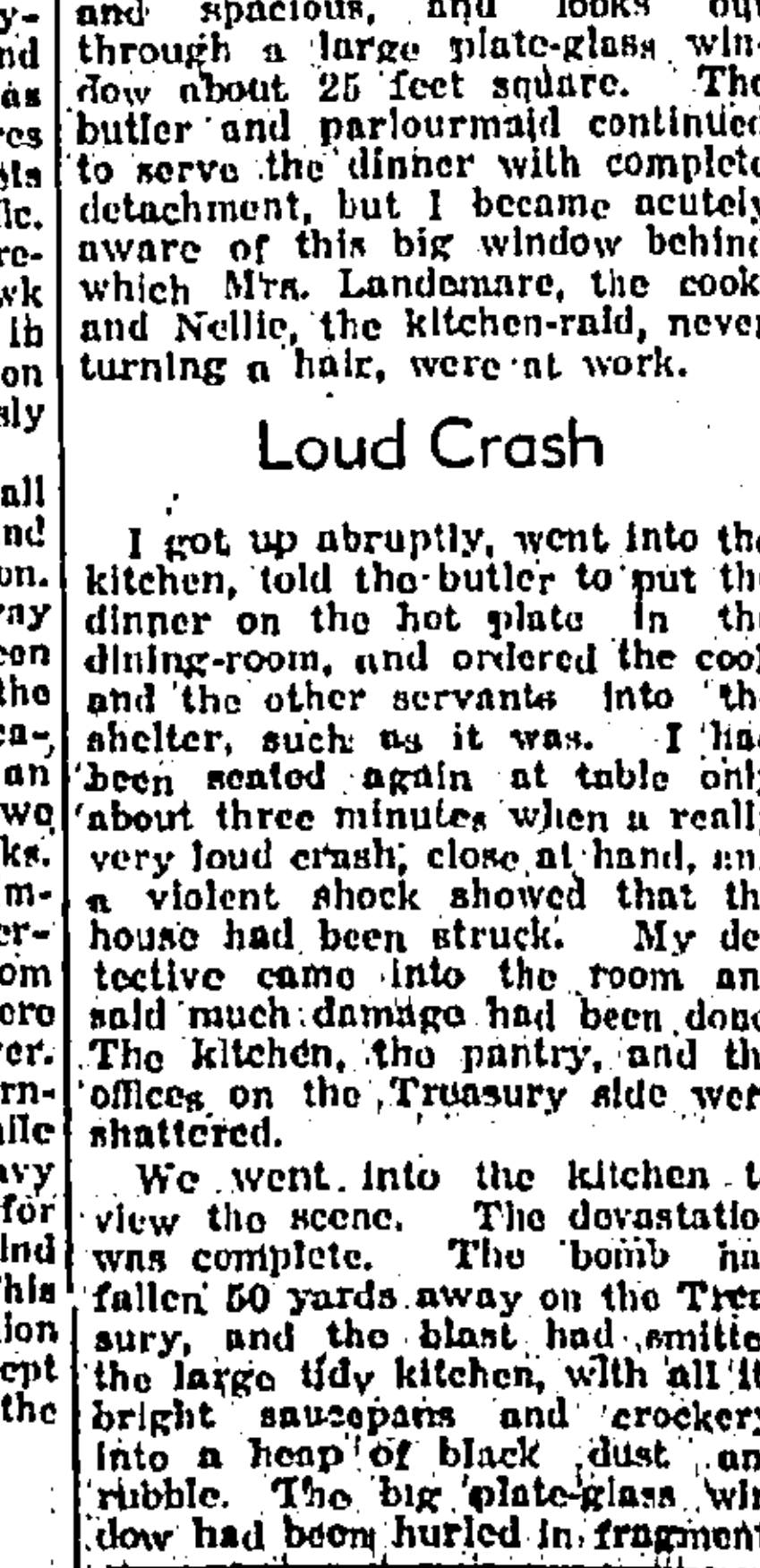
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According to our supplement printer yesterday, the Queen Victoria statue was removed "at a minor profile hurdle." Believe, the minor profile who let that through isn't going to have any honour in this country.
"Motors hard hit by oil news." Now, that reminds me of an old Morris I had before the war.
The Indonesians do not hanker to be detained by Dutch in Banka. And would prefer that, for a starter. They be sent back to Jogjakarta. Which simply is, twist me and what U.N. told the Dutch to do. The world condemns (with folded hands) Those very naughty Netherlands. But after all, Batavia's far. And well, you know what these things are. When we ourselves are out of it, Why should we really care a bit? Let's all pretend we have sympathy. Like when the wops took Ethiopia. And Adolph went in to annex The territories of the Czechs. And other men one long-gone day Went in to make Manchuria pay. Why should we go and make a fuss. To U.N.—when it isn't us. Look how Britain treats her transients—Even gives them free dentures. Here we do our best to take even the fillings out of their teeth.



Loud Crash
I got up abruptly, went into the kitchen, told the butler to put the dinner on the hot plate in the dining-room, and ordered the cook and the other servants into the shelter, such as it was. I had been seated again at table only about three minutes, when a really very loud crash close at hand, and violent shock showed that the house had been struck. My detective came into the room and said much damage had been done. The kitchen, the pantry, and the offices on the Treasury side were shattered. We went into the kitchen to view the scene. The devastation was complete. The bomb had fallen 60 yards away on the Treasury, and the blast had smitten the large tidy kitchen, with all its bright saucers and crockery, into a heap of black dust and rubble. The big plate-glass window had been hurled in fragments

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TWENTY-YEAR TREATY: SIGNATURE IN APRIL

WASHINGTON, MARCH 8.

THE NORTH ATLANTIC GOVERNMENTS TODAY BEGAN STUDYING THE DRAFT OF A MILITARY ALLIANCE COMMITTING THEM TO IMMEDIATE ARMED ACTION IN CASE OF AGGRESSION AGAINST ANY ONE OF THEM.

Reports of the draft, accepted here as accurate, state that the alliance will be for 20 years.

The final views of the eight Governments—the United States, Canada, Britain, France, Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg and Norway—are expected to come before the Pact negotiators here on Friday.

Official here forecast signature of the Pact by the end of the month.

The eight powers are reported to be agreed that Italy, Denmark, Iceland and Portugal should be brought into the Alliance without delay.

The full text of the Pact is expected to be published on Monday or Tuesday.

The most important of the 11 clauses in the draft, sent to the eight powers immediately after being approved by the negotiators here yesterday, is the fifth, committing members to the principle that an attack on one is an attack on all.

Such aggression is to be met by immediate action, including the use of armed force, to restore, or maintain, security.

Not Final Text

Estimates of the Military Aid Programme now being prepared range around \$1,000,000,000 (£250,000,000) for the Atlantic countries. Another \$500,000,000 (£125,000,000) is estimated for other military aid programmes, such as those for Greece and Turkey.

The draft was completed at the meeting of the representatives of the seven powers, under the Chairmanship of Mr. Dean Acheson, Secretary of State. The Norwegian Ambassador in Washington was also present.

The draft cannot be described as a final text until it receives the approval of the seven Governments.

It is expected that the Washington Committee of Ambassadors will meet again next Friday to consider the replies of individual Governments. Unless any of them submit amendments, which require further discussion, the Committee will then officially inform Italy, Iceland, Portugal and Denmark, the other prospective members of the Atlantic Union, of the terms of the Pact.

Allowing for a short delay to enable Britain to inform the Commonwealth Powers, and

America the Rio de Janeiro Pact Powers, of the provisions of the Atlantic Union, publication of the draft text should be possible early next week.

11 Articles

Until then officials of the Atlantic Union Powers are maintaining absolute secrecy.

Besides a preamble the draft contains 11 articles.

The first states the principle of peaceful settlement of international differences.

The second pledges the signatories to work together in the economic as well as the political and military field.

The third and fourth outline the broad principle that the signatories will assist each other and consult together.

The fifth roundly commits them to recognise an attack on one as an attack on all, and to immediate action, singly or collectively, including the use of armed force, for the maintenance or restoration of security.

The sixth defines in detail what is meant by armed attack, including the geographical limits within which the commitments contained in Article V are operative.

Geographical Area

The seventh defines the relationship of the Atlantic Union to the United Nations, and acknowledges the ultimate authority of the Security Council for keeping peace in the world.

The eighth states that the Pact is without prejudice to existing international commitments, to which signatories may be already pledged.

The ninth deals with the organization necessary for implementing the terms of the Pact.

The tenth and eleventh are the customary final clauses covering other possible signatories, the duration of the Pact and ratification.

Observers here believe that the geographical definition of the area covered by the Pact is the territory of any of the parties in Europe, the North Atlantic, or the Mediterranean, or islands in the North Atlantic.

"Future Conflict In The Arctic"

Rosyth, March 8.

It is a dead certainty that any future conflict will be fought in the Arctic.

Commander E. B. Mott, of the United States Navy Bureau of Ordnance, said this today.

Commander Mott was aboard the light aircraft carrier Vengeance (19,000 tons) as the United States observer when it arrived in the Firth of Forth today from month-long tests of warships and aircraft under Arctic conditions. "Unless the Arctic problem is solved now," the commander declared, "we may find ourselves unprepared for Arctic warfare."

The Anglo-Americans must enter into the problems of Arctic warfare wholeheartedly. "Unless we can overcome the adverse weather handicaps, the Arctic is not a natural field for aircraft warfare. The whole fate of a nation depends on the weather, for the Arctic appears to be a natural habitation for lurking submarines."

A British observer said adaptations of the helicopter, which apparently proved successful in the trial, and the old Swordfish biplane aircraft, are the answer to the submarine menace in Arctic waters.

"Both are highly manoeuvrable and good for spotting because they can fly low to the water," he claimed. Tests of Vampire fighters had taught that jet aircraft can be operated successfully from carriers in the Arctic, he added.

The trials also yielded much new information on aircraft handling under extreme cold conditions.—Reuter.

MORE CHANGES IN MOSCOW

London, March 8. Moscow, Radio today said that Alexander Nikiforovich Yefremov has been named Deputy Premier and thus has been freed of the responsibilities of Minister for the machine-tool-building industry. This new change in the Russian Cabinet follows the pattern of last week, when Deputy Premier Molotov and Mikoyan were relieved of their duties as Foreign Minister and Foreign Trade Minister. The radio said Andriy Zvyadovich Kostikov had been named to replace Yefremov as Machine Tool Minister.—United Press.

U.S. PREPARING ARMS SHIPMENT

Washington, March 8.

The United States is preparing to send its first arms shipments to European signatories of the Atlantic Pact.

The first shipments, which will probably go to France, Norway and Denmark, may be made before the end of June.

The Administration hopes the Senate will take fast action on the Atlantic Pact in April. If the Administration sees the Pact going smoothly through the Senate, then a bill to authorize arms aid will be sent to Congress in April.

Stocks of arms are being examined in warehouses, prepared for shipment, but until inventories have been completed it is unlikely that a decision will be made as to how much can be sent to Europe this year.

The Administration is discussing with the Western European powers how it can supplement their own rearming efforts. Thus the United States may supply certain types of plane engines and the Europeans the bodies. The reserve arms value possible will be computed at the value of ten cents for every dollar of the original cost, which will enable substantial quantities to be sent.

Senate Approval

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee gave informal approval yesterday to the final draft of the North Atlantic Pact.

Meanwhile Dr. Gustav Rasmussen, Danish Foreign Minister, will travel direct from Copenhagen to Washington by air tomorrow to discuss Danish participation in the Atlantic Pact negotiations, a Danish official spokesman announced in London today.

Dr. Rasmussen will not visit Lisbon on his way to the United States, but will probably break his return journey in London about March 19 when he will doubtless meet Mr. Ernest Bevin, Foreign Secretary.

Dr. Rasmussen will return to London for the European Council 10-nation conference, which is expected to meet on March 28, it was understood.—United Press, Associated Press and Reuter.

Mr. Dodge's statement unquestionably is in conformance with this overall policy. Since the return of the Army Secretary, Mr. Kenneth Royall, from Japan, Army officials said increasing efforts will be made to achieve the newly announced economic recovery programme for Japan.

Planners here said that Shigeru Yoshida's Government may display apparent opposition to the programme but they dismissed this possibility as purely political for vote getting.

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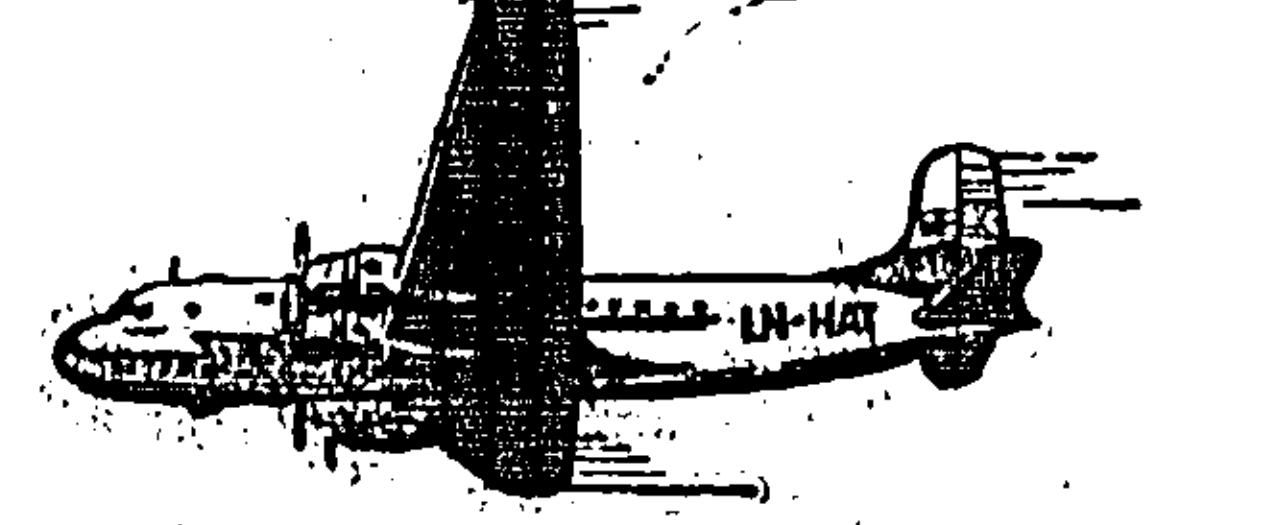
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BIG RICE SHIPMENT BY BURMA

Rangoon, March 8.

The Burmese Government announced today that arrangements have been made to ship 200,000 tons of rice during this month. This will leave 340,000 tons to be shipped to complete the first six months' quota of 520,000 tons.

In January and February, Burma exported 281,426 tons.

A Burmese Government representative warned last Friday that export difficulties might increase in April. (The Burmese Government asked Britain some weeks ago for money to finance the export of the rice crop and for other purposes. One outcome of this request was the calling of the recent New Delhi conference.)

It is authoritatively learned in Rangoon that of Burma's rice export quota of 800,000 tons for the first half of the current year, 261,000 tons were allocated to India.

(The total 1948 quota was 1,250,000 tons, and at the end of the year it was announced that the 1949 quota would be the same, though it was stated at the time that much depended on the restoration of normal conditions in Burma.)—Reuter.

CIGS Tour Of British Defences

London, March 8.

General Sir William Slim, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, will leave Trieste tomorrow for a two-day visit to Athens, the War Office said. General Slim is on the first part of a 12-day tour of Britain's Middle East Command.

He will leave Athens on Friday for Cyprus and go on to Port Said next Sunday. Then he will spend three days inspecting Britain's vital defences in the Suez Canal zone.

On Thursday, March 17, he will leave the Canal zone for a tour in North Africa, but the War Office said his itinerary in Africa is indefinite.—Associated Press.

Athens Press Strike Over

Athens, March 8.

The Athens newspaper printers' strike and owners' lock-out have ended by order of the Military Governor of Athens.

The dispute, which arose from the printers' claim for a 20 per cent wage increase, will be settled by the Ministry of Labour.

The Greek Government decreed three months ago that no further increases were to be granted to printers because they were already getting much more than important Government officials and other employees.—Reuter.

BIRTHDAY PARTY TRAGEDY

Manila, March 9.

A press report from Cuyayan in Mindanao says that Celibato Ballo, aged 37, criticised the food served at a birthday party.

The cook, Tomas Rosillos, aged 36, stabbed him to death.—United Press.

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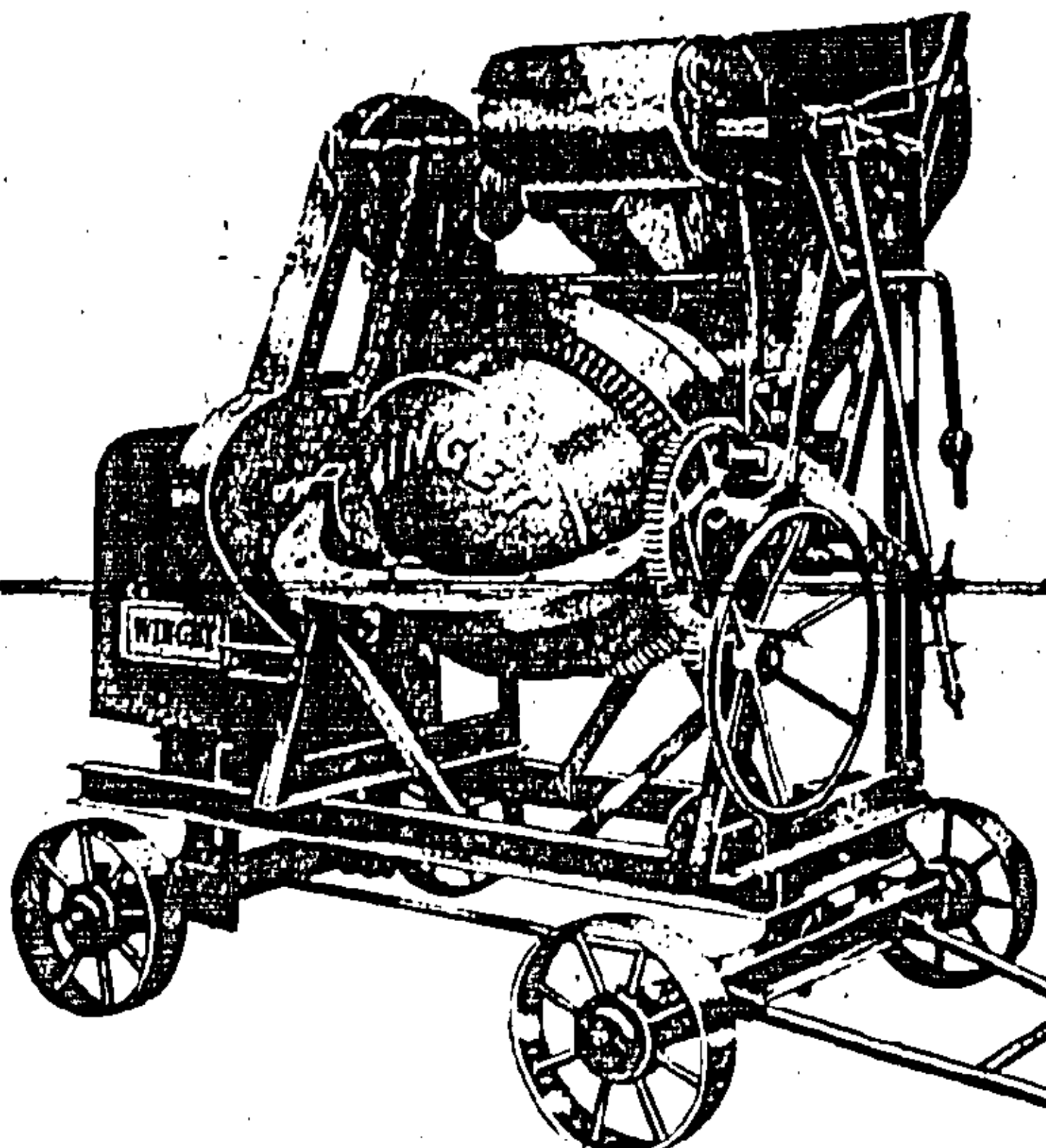
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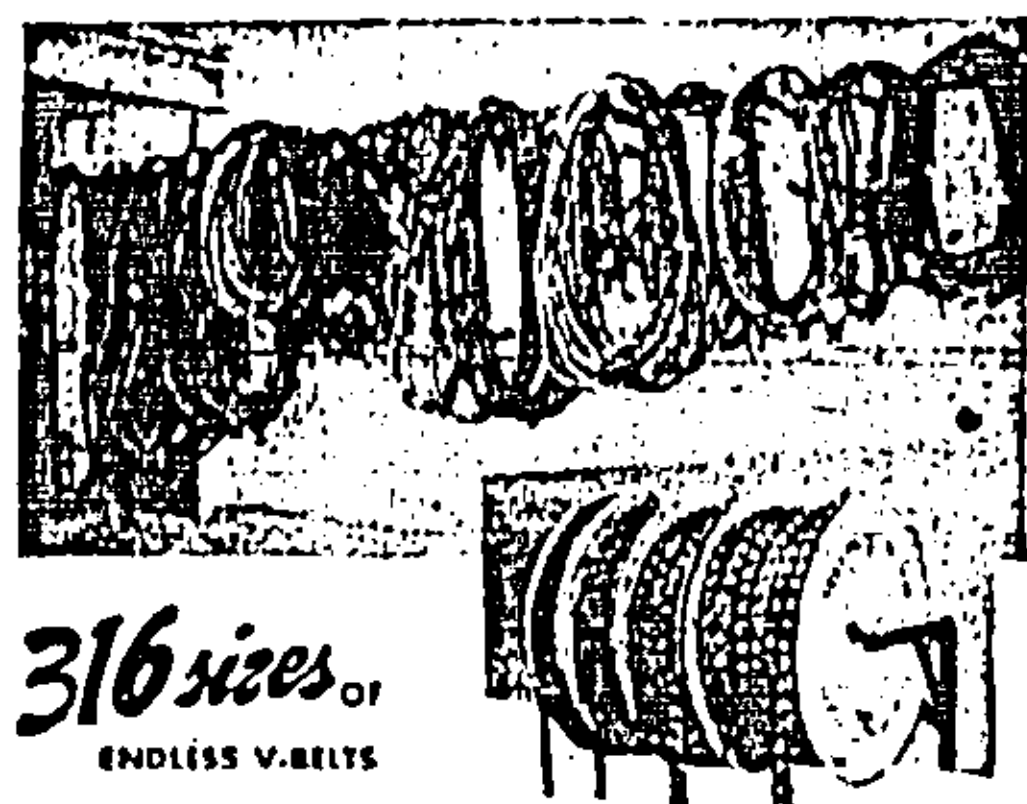
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Research On Big Turbine Under Way

When scientists working under the direction of the Wind Power Generation Committee of the British Electrical and Allied Industries Research Association finish their job, work may start on the building of Britain's first commercial large-scale wind turbine—a modern wind mill to generate some 1,000 to 2,000 kilowatts and to feed electric power direct to the existing system.

The Wind Power Generation Committee includes representatives of the Ministries of Supply and of Fuel and Power, and the British Electricity Authority and the North of Scotland's Hydro-Electric Board.

Britain's wind-power experts have already spent six months working on the tops of 500 feet hills in the Orkney Islands north of the Scottish mainland, braving winds which often reached 90 miles per hour. After building a small testing station and setting up wind velocity and direction recorders, the scientists left the Orkneys, and now they are surveying Britain's western seaboard, preparing to build more recording stations on the coasts of Scotland, England and Wales.

The small team of scientists hope that just as modern hydro-electric power stations have developed from primitive water wheels, similar progress might be made in the field of wind power. An 1,250 kilowatt wind turbine, built on a 2,000 feet hill known as Grandpa's Knob, in Vermont, in the United States, was operative for some time, until, in 1945, the scheme was abandoned following an unfortunate mechanical failure.

The development of windpower is of special importance in Britain in view of the meagre endowment of natural water power, and the fact that wind conditions are particularly promising in the United Kingdom where, in a not too distant future, homes may be illuminated and factories may be powered by electricity generated by wind.

British Steel Has Big Plans

The British steel industry has enlarged its development plans to give an output of 17,500,000 tons in 1953, the Iron and Steel Federation announced last night. Last year's objective of 14,500,000 tons was exceeded by close on 400,000 tons.

The industry's seven-year £250,000,000 development programme, approved by the Government in 1946, aimed at expanding capacity from 14,100,000 tons to 16,000,000, or at increasing production from the 12,750,000-ton level in 1946 to something like 15,000,000 to 16,500,000. At the same time it was sufficiently flexible to be capable of adaptation to meet still greater requirements.

Thus, with the demand for steel still exceeding all expectations, Britain's steel-makers are now ready to undertake further large-scale capacity expansion.

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British Robot Travels Faster Than Sound

An instrument-carrying robot aircraft, developed by Britain's Ministry of Supply in co-operation with the Royal Aircraft Establishment at Farnborough, England, and Vickers-Armstrong, has recently flown at a speed approaching 600 miles-an-hour at a height of over 30,000 feet, at which altitude the speed of sound is about 660 m.p.h., so that the velocity of the British robot was one-and-a-half times that of sound.

The rocket-propelled machine was tracked by radar throughout its flight and its instrument readings were recorded on the ground by means of a telemetric device established in the Solly Isles.

The miniature robot, having most features of a full-sized aircraft, was carried under the belly of a Mosquito aircraft, which carried them to a high altitude before releasing them. The pilotless machines are powered by a rocket motor using special fuel. The robots have a fuselage 12 feet in length, and 18 inches diameter, and the wing 8 feet. A number of these machines have been made, and the intention is to fit wings and tail units of different shapes, some of the wings being swept back at a steep angle.

Fifteen seconds after the robot has been released from the Mosquito, the automatic pilot forces it into level flight and it flies at full speed until its fuel is exhausted. The automatic pilot then operates the controls, causing it to plunge into the sea. The fuel supply lasts for approximately 70 seconds, during which time the aircraft covers about 15 miles. Every minute of the flight costs the Ministry about £300 but the experiment is worth its money. While the model is flying, it sends out radio messages of what it is doing along six information channels and the experience gained will be invaluable when supersonic flights are made with full size, piloted aircraft.

Machines To Be Shown At BIF

The leading part played by British industry in opening up the world's less developed areas will be well illustrated at this year's British Industries Fair opening on May 2.

The Birmingham section (Castle Bromwich) will show, for example, machines for jungle clearance equipment, for dam building, levellers and excavators, mobile saws for wood cutting, plants for house building, portable generators and power supplies, cultivators and atad grass dryers, especially adapted for tropical conditions, road making machinery, transportable water borers and pumping units.

One individual example that should arouse considerable interest is a petrol-driven concrete mixer, the development of an electrically driven machine shown at the BIF last year. This new mixer can be used in remote places where no electricity supply is available.

Britain Leads In Television

"Britain still leads the world in the television field. No pictures are clearer, and no sets are superior to what her own craftsmen can produce."

This statement by Mr. N. Collins, British television expert who recently toured the American industry, is amplified and endorsed by Mr. Roy Norris, Technical Editor of the Electrical and Radio Trading Journal in a special article which he entitled "Beautifully Simple Television Receivers".

In his article, Mr. Norris says, "Asked to describe England's television receivers my first reply is: 'They are beautifully simple.' That is, they combine the beauty of good engineering with the simplicity that conceals art."

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A new scientific method of stopping the flow of water in pipes while effecting repairs and carrying out maintenance work has been embodied in the "Freeze-Seal Unit" by Freeze-Seal Equipment Company, Ltd., (243 Burlington Road, New Malden, Surrey, England). This firm has supplied it to a number of municipal water companies in various parts of Britain.

Other specific examples are forest sprayers which can be carried as a complete unit in a knapsack, mobile compressor units for drying and specially designed for "outposts" and providing considerable interchangeability of parts to serve many different types of work, and automatically supplied drinking pools for animals. More personal needs are also catered for. One stand at Castle Bromwich will show a new all-metal and glass shaving mirror the purpose of which is to defy the ravages of tropical insects. There will also be a portable fed stove designed to carry superior features of the electric fire but usable where no electricity supply exists. One manufacturer has even considered the needs of jungle tennis: he is exhibiting new nylon tennis racket string which will not rot in the most humid tropical climate.

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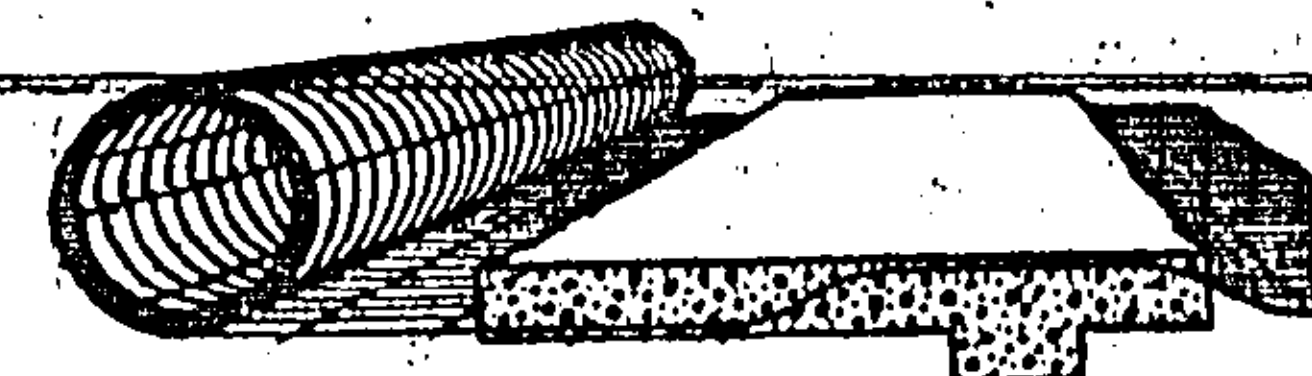


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PACIFIC ALLIANCE DOUBTFUL

Washington, March 9. Authoritative quarters said yesterday that there is no proposal under consideration here for formation of a Pacific anti-Communist alliance similar to the Atlantic Pact.

London despatches said that Britain has proposed holding joint defence plans against the spreading of Communist influence in the Orient.

Informal sources said the general idea for such an agreement has reached official circles and has received passing attention but no formal consideration.

The reaction here to the British Pacific pact move appears to be that the United States may feel it is less directly concerned with the problem than Britain and the Commonwealth nations.

Australia is apparently supporting the move strongly.

London despatches said Britain proposes holding urgent talks in London or Ottawa to consider anti-Red moves in the Pacific.

Press.

Wait And See Attitude In Washington

Washington, March 8. The State Department "noted" the Indian Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru's, reiteration today of India's determination to become a republic, but officials preferred to await developments before commenting.

"India's relationship with the British Commonwealth is a matter for herself to determine," one official stated, pointing out that total independence has long been a Congress Party plank, and its implementation is only to be expected.

The Prime Minister's assurance that India is prepared to associate herself with other countries in a friendly way, is welcomed. It is emphasised that India has already demonstrated its desire for mutually helpful relationships with other countries, and its capacity for enlightened leadership.—Reuter.

POPULATION OF TANGANYIKA

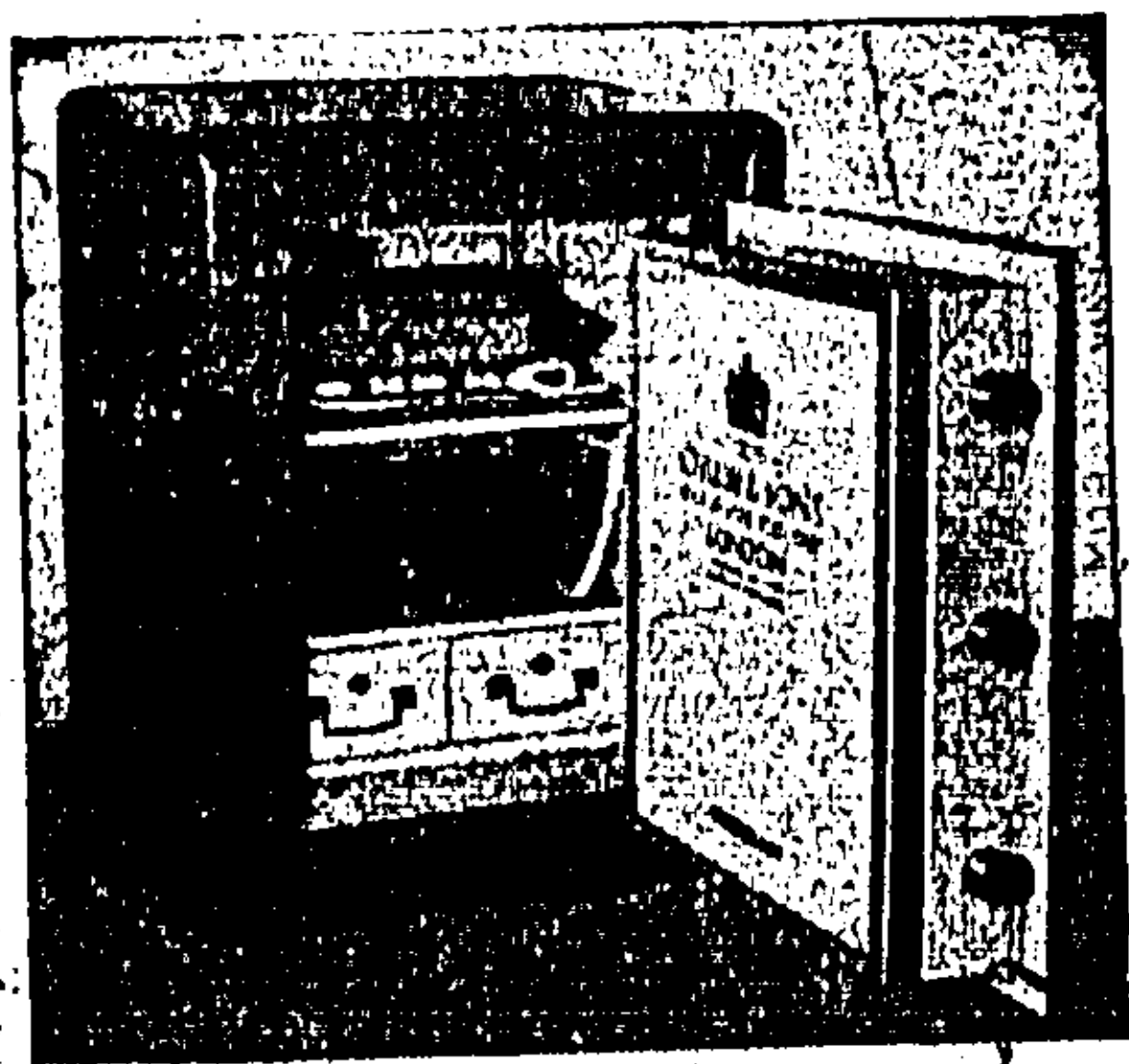
Dar Es Salaam, March 9. The European population in Tanganyika has risen from 9,165 in 1938 to 10,648 in 1948, while the African population has jumped from 5,250,000 to just over 7,000,000, official figures showed yesterday.

The Asiatic population has risen from 34,000 in 1938 to 59,000 in 1948.—Associated Press.



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London, March 8. Four top-ranking Commonwealth Ministers and officials are flying to Dominion capitals for urgent consultations on vital problems which may include defence and the expansion of Communism in South East Asia.

An official statement from No. 10, Downing Street, tonight gave their names and destinations.

Lord Listowel (aged 42), the last Secretary of State for India and now Colonial Minister of State, is leaving tomorrow for Australia and New Zealand. Mr. Patrick Gordon Walker, aged 41, Commonwealth Relations Under-Secretary, will go to India, Pakistan and Ceylon.

Sir Percival Litching, Commonwealth Relations Permanent Under-Secretary, is bound for South Africa.

Sir Norman Brook, Secretary of the Cabinet, will go to Canada. The announcement said they will discuss with the Governments of the countries they are visiting, matters arising from the meeting of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers held last October.

One of their chief tasks, it is believed, will be to discuss with the Dominion leaders possible alternatives to the now postponed Commonwealth Foreign Ministers' conference in May. Sir Norman Brook, Secretary of the Cabinet, will go to Canada.

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It is felt that personal contact will achieve much more than is possible through normal telegraphic and other means of Commonwealth intercommunication.

Missions Important
Mr. Gordon Walker is flying tomorrow to the East, and is expected.

Britons In Germany To Be Trained

London, March 8. Britain is putting British civilians employed by the Control Mission in Germany into defence units the Minister of State, Hector McNeill, told the House of Commons today.

The purpose of the units, he said, is for the protection of British lives and premises in the event of civil disturbance until the armed forces of occupation can take over.

Training will be confined to the use of small arms, the only type to be issued, he said.

John Platts Mills, an Independent MP, asked if the force is intended to be a strike-breaking organisation in the event of political or industrial unrest in the British zone.

"There is no question of volunteers being used for strike-breaking, and the Foreign Secretary wishes to take the opportunity of dispelling ill-founded beliefs and maliciously circulated rumours to this effect," Mr. McNeill replied.—Associated Press.

Rail Strike Postponed

Madras, March 9. The South Indian rail strike, due to begin today (Wednesday), has been postponed until March 14, the Communist-led Unions' Action Committee announced yesterday.

The Committee gave no reason for the postponement. Local authorities said that the rounding up of Communist workers is continuing.—Associated Press.

LEAD PRICE REDUCED

New York, March 9. American Smelting and Refining Company yesterday reduced the price of lead two cents a pound to 19½ cents, New York. This was the first price break for any major non-ferrous metal since the end of QPA in 1946. The record high price of 21½ cents a pound for lead had been in effect since last November.—Associated Press.

Burma Situation Becoming Grave

London, March 8.

Reports from Burma today said that Premier Thakin Nu's Government apparently has lost control throughout the country excepting a 12-mile radius around Rangoon.

Drastic censorship is preventing detailed reports. Headquarters offices of British interests in Burma, however, has received messages relayed from India which indicate strongly that the initiative is now in the hands of the Karens and other insurgent groups.

Headquarters of the Burmah Oil Company said reports indicated that Yenangyaung, chief oil town in Central Burma, is now in the hands of the insurgents.

Several British companies, including Steel Brothers, Burma's biggest industrial group, have chartered planes to fly their British staff to Calcutta. Uncensored despatches said that additional danger to Burma is developing on the Siamese border which is completely under the control of the Communist insurgents.

British Foreign Office sources said that Premier Thakin Nu has sent a negative reply to the Commonwealth Governments' suggestion that a conciliation mission be sent to Burma.

Britons Leave

The first batch of British women and children taken by air from the Army centre of Maymyo, 40 miles North of

INDIA TO AVOID ENTANGLEMENTS WITH THE POWERS

New Delhi, March 9.

The Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, said today that India can help prevent another world war by avoiding ties with any world power or power bloc.

"The only possible (Indian) foreign policy in the interests of world peace," Mr. Nehru told the Legislative Assembly, "is not to get entangled, militarily or otherwise, with any power or groups of powers."

Referring to the Dominion's future relations with the British Commonwealth, the Prime Minister said:

"India naturally and inevitably will become, in the next few months, an independent, sovereign Republic. She never accepts the slightest degree of dependency on any foreign authority."

(More than a year before India obtained Dominion status on August 15, 1947, the British Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, told the House of Commons that, in the British view, she has the right to choose full independence. He said the British Commonwealth and Empire is not bound together by the chains of external compulsion).

Mr. Nehru, whose Government has deployed troops to combat a Communist-inspired railway, mail and telegraph strike due to start on Wednesday, told the Assembly: "The various items that threaten conflict are legacies of Europe's power politics."

India A Giant

"There is no reason why India should borrow any ideology or join any power or group," he said. "The major question today is the readjustment of relations between Asia and Europe. India has become a kind of meeting ground for various trends and forces of the East and West. The domination of Europe is largely gone, but her legacy of conflict and power politics still remains. Asia has no such legacy, making it easy for Asia—especially India—to prevent another world catastrophe."

India is becoming a giant again. She is the largest single political unit in terms of population and, in the course of time, other potentials. Geographically, India is centrally located and nothing can happen in this part of the world without India in it."

Strike Threat

(The Dominion's population is about 320,000,000. China's population is larger but it split by the Chinese civil war.) The National Government has announced that it will use troops to replace strikers if any large number of railway, mail and telegraph service workers walk out on Wednesday. Among other things, the workers asked for more pay. A provincial Government

Britain To Keep Troops In Akaba

London, March 8.

Britain is retaining for the time being her Task Force at the Transjordan Red Sea Port of Akaba, adjoining Israel, the War Minister, Emanuel Shinwell, told the House of Commons today.

But no permanent army installations are being constructed in the area, he said in reply to other questions.

Mr. Shinwell did not reply when Dr. Samuel Segal, Labour, asked: "It is not about time that the Minister considered culling off this cold war against the state of Israel?"

The Foreign Office announced on January 8 that the Task Force had been sent to Akaba under the terms of the Anglo-Transjordan treaty of alliance to guard the port.—Associated Press.

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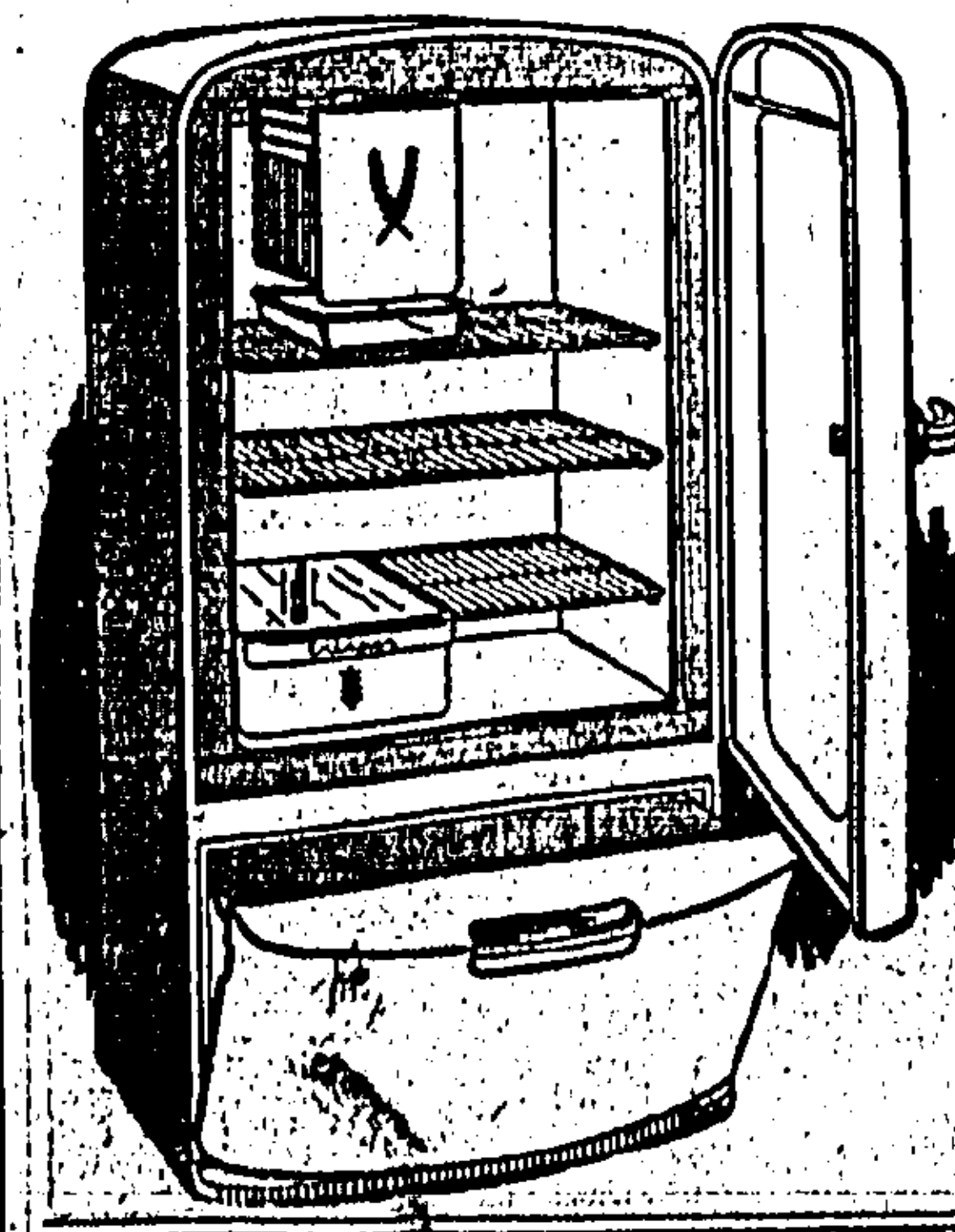
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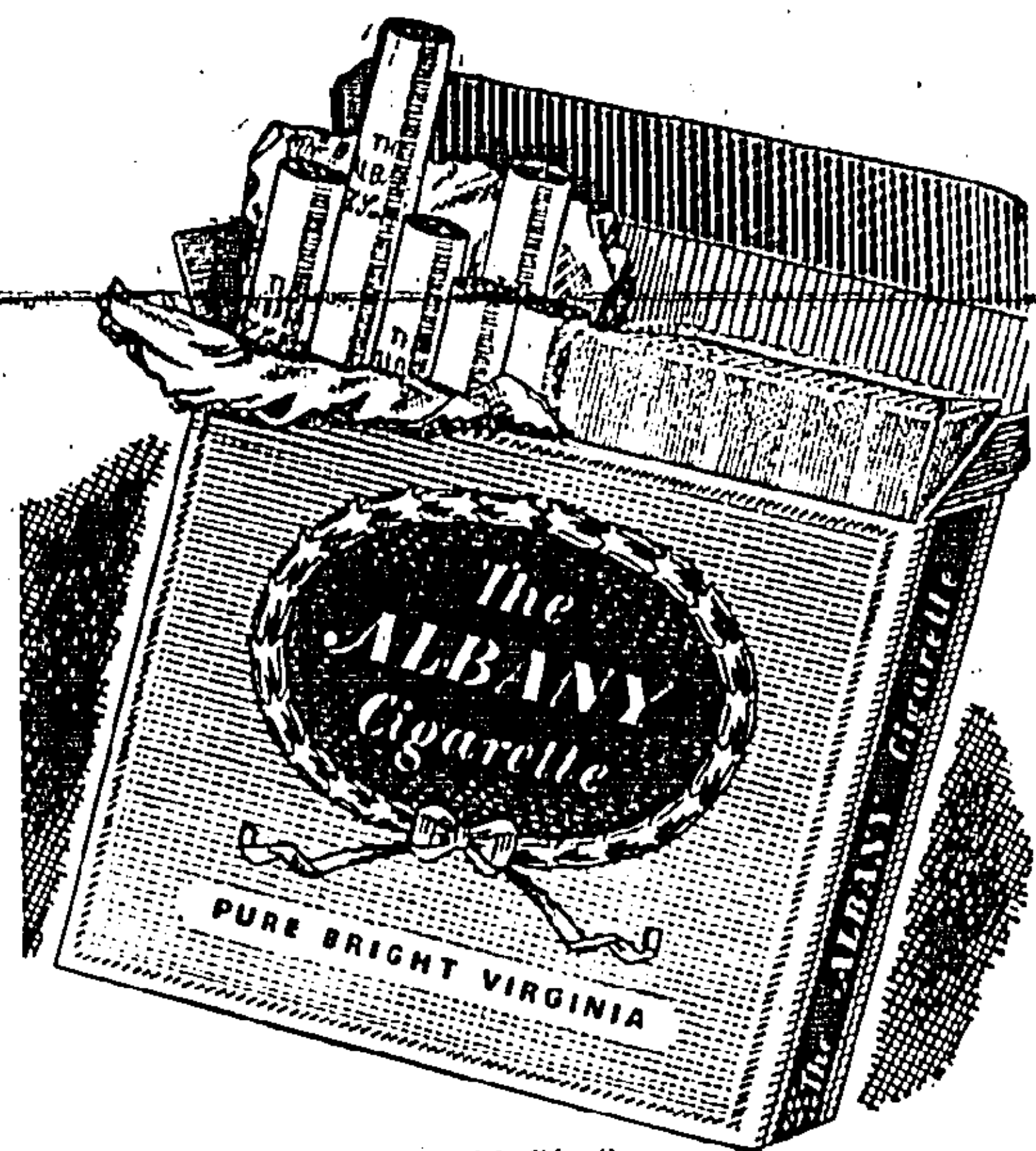
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"Junior Armistice" In Palestine Talks

Rhodes, March 8. Israel and Transjordan today started to draw up a "junior armistice" for Palestine—a temporary agreement which will be effective until the signing of a full scale armistice. The "junior armistice" is an extension of agenda item 4, drafting the formal cease fire.

In the recently concluded Israel-Egyptian armistice this was a purely formal clause mentioning no specific localities. The document now being drafted here is wider in scope. Informed conference sources said maps will be attached to his agreement showing the specific localities to which the armistice will apply.

Positions may be straightened out while the document is being drafted to avoid points of friction. Such movements are unusual before the signing of a general armistice and therefore the document now being drawn up is, in fact, a draft armistice. Informed Rhodes sources expect that the main changes preceding a general armistice agreement will be in the Jerusalem area, set in United Nations quarters as the greatest potential trouble spot.

The clearing by Transjordan forces of a corridor to allow the Jews to reach the isolated Hebrew University on Mount Scopus is also possible. This "junior armistice" will cover an area from the Holy City South to Akaba on the Red Sea.

Arab Triangle

This will eliminate the area held by Iraqi forces North of Jerusalem, the now noted "Arab Triangle" bounded by Tulkarm, Jenin and Nablus. Usually reliable conference sources said the Transjordanians have had no written confirmation from the Iraqis that they are entitled to represent them. Dr. Bunche is still awaiting official news from the Iraqis, and is seeking clarification through his Baghdad representative whether the Transjordanians may negotiate on their behalf.

WHALE MEAT FOR JAPANESE

Tokyo, March 9. The fourth ship to return from a Japanese Antarctic whaling expedition has arrived with 2,000 tons of whale meat. The meat will be distributed by ration in the Tokyo and Osaka areas. The cargo raised to about 3,800 tons the total amount of whale meat brought to Japan this year.—Associated Press.

Odom Sets New Record

New York, March 8. Captain Bill Odom, flying into Teterboro, New Jersey, airport from Honolulu today, set a 5,000-mile non-stop world record for light planes.

Captain Odom landed his tiny monoplane at Teterboro seven miles West of New York city, at 5:00 p.m. GMT, 36 hours and one minute after leaving Honolulu.—Associated Press.

KING'S REPLY TO COMMONS

London, March 8. The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, today read to the House of Commons a message from the King in reply to Parliament's congratulations on the birth of Prince Charles.

The message read:

"I thank you sincerely for your loyal and dutiful Address on the happy event of the birth of a son to my dear daughter, Princess Elizabeth, Duchess of Edinburgh, and the Duke of Edinburgh. You have frequently shown the affectionate interest which you take in the concerns of my family and myself, and we have been deeply moved by your congratulations on the birth of our grandson, which has given so much pleasure to the Commonwealth."—Reuter.

KING GEORGE VI TO UNDERGO OPERATION

London, March 8. King George VI is to undergo an operation to improve the blood supply to his right foot, it was officially announced tonight.

The announcement, made in a Buckingham Palace bulletin signed by six doctors, stated that the operation will be performed at an early date.

The official announcement added that the King's general health is excellent. It is understood that the operation is not dangerous. It involves an incision on the right side to cut the nerves controlling the blood supply to the foot. The decision to operate does not indicate any sudden development in the King's condition, a Court source said tonight.

There is no cause for alarm over the King's condition. The text of the official announcement read: "The King's health continues to be excellent. In the left leg the flow of blood has been restored in the main arteries to a satisfactory degree. In the right leg the main artery is still obstructed and the circulation is being carried on, less efficiently than in the left leg, through a collateral circulation."

"With a view to improving the blood supply to the right foot, and to safeguard this for the future, we have advised His Majesty that the operation of lumbar sympathectomy would be performed on the right side. The King has accepted this advice and the operation will be performed at an early date." Court sources, emphasizing to

No Change In Policy Of Israel

Tel Aviv, March 8. Mr. David Ben Gurion, Israeli Prime Minister, announcing his new limited Coalition Cabinet in the Knesseth (Parliament) today, said that Israeli foreign policy will remain the same as that under the Provisional Government.

The Coalition, which excludes the extreme left wing Labour Party and the extreme right wing group, seeks the Chamberlain confidence in the constructive programme presented by the Prime Minister.

Parliament is housed in a reconstructed cinema facing the Mediterranean. Behind the Speaker's Chair is a glass partition for the official translator, who gives a running translation of Members' speeches into a microphone for the benefit of the three Arab deputies. Some Yemite Jewish deputies also made use of headphones at today's session, being better acquainted with Arabic than the Hebrew language.

In a 45-minute speech, Mr. Ben Gurion outlined the Government's programme. Israel will have a small standing army for defending her borders, he said. The Government will take the strongest measures to lower the cost of living, he added.—Reuter.

HANGAR FIRE

Santiago, March 8. A valuable stock of spare parts, property of British South American Airways, was lost when a hangar at Los Cerrillos airport. Private planes and spare parts belonging to other companies were also destroyed. Losses amount to 16,000,000 pesos.—United Press.

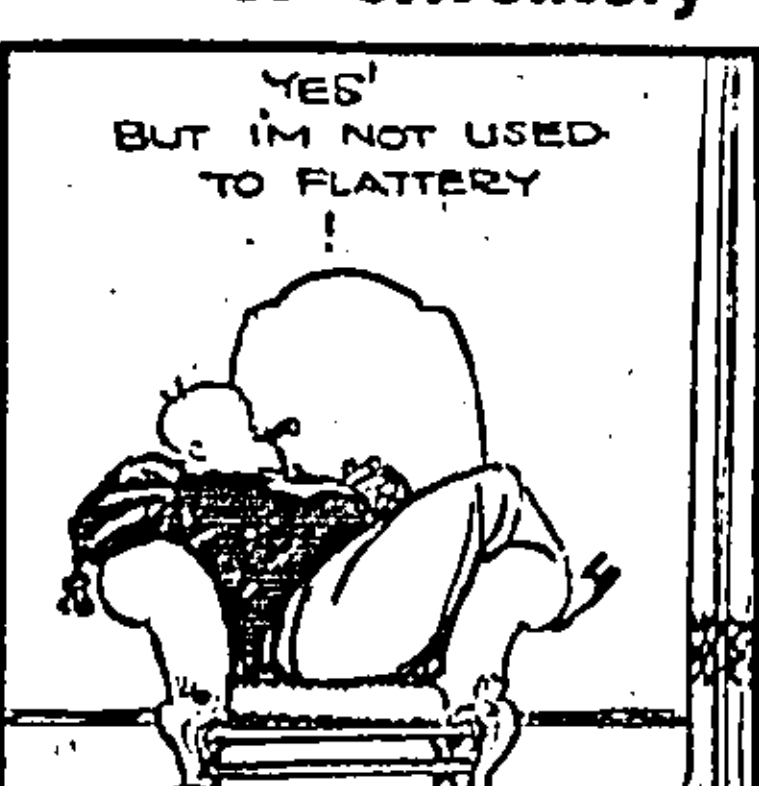
Austrian Treaty Hopes Vanish

London, March 8. A newly defined Yugoslav demand for Austrian reparations today virtually wiped out the last hopes for Big Four agreement on an Austrian independence treaty.

A new Yugoslav note to the Deputies called on Austria: 1. To hand over car production factories forbidden to the defeated country.

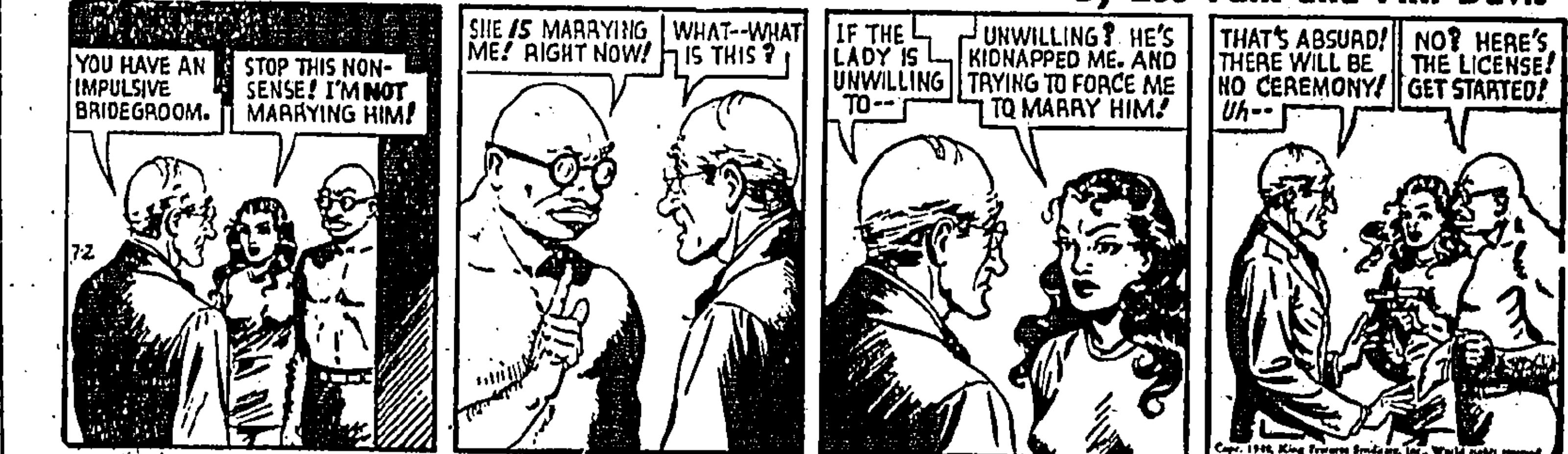
2. To hand over capital equipment of various kinds. 3. To supply goods from its current production. 4. To provide certain unspecified services to Yugoslavia. The Yugoslav note mentioned no amount in its calls for reparations. It specified merely that they should be substantial. Previously, the Belgrade Government had claimed £37,500,000 worth of reparations. The fact that it is now asking only for substantial compensation may suggest that it would be ready to accept less than the original total. At a session of the Big Four Deputies today the Western powers turned down a Russian proposal to set up a Committee to study Yugoslavia's reparations claim. The Deputies will continue consideration of the issue on Wednesday.—Associated Press.

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"It is a somewhat paradoxical situation and is indicative of a fundamental problem."

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The Commission has shown a strong desire to translate the principles into effective action and to proceed with the practical tasks in an endeavour to promote recovery and development.

Great Area

"We must take into consideration the great size and population of the area, the scarcity and uneven quality of statistical data and the shortage of trained and experienced personnel," Mr. Munro said.

He supported the Commission's decision to admit the Republic of Indonesia as an associate member.

The Economic Committee unanimously approved the Commission's request to give Nepal associate membership.

It also recommended the Republic of Southern Korea for associate membership despite Soviet, Polish and Byelorussian objections.

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S.S. "MORTAIN"	Europe	12th April
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TODAY

E-BANG (Jardine)	ex-Foochow
ELPHOR (U.S.)	ex-UK
POYANG (U.S.)	ex-Bangkok

TOMORROW

ANNU (U.S.)	ex-Singapore
FUJIAN (U.S.)	ex-Singapore
GARDEN STATE (Goulet)	ex-Norfolk
REVERETT (Everett)	ex-Amyot
TRIANG (U.S.)	ex-Singapore

Shipping Departures

YESTERDAY

PHI TH (CMN)	for Shanghai
TAISHAN (U.S.)	for Bangkok
TAISHAN (U.S.)	for Manila
TAISHAN (U.S.)	for Batavia

TODAY

NANCHANG (U.S.)	for Shanghai
AMERICAN TRANSPORT (Jardine)	for Los Angeles
CHIAKANG (Jardine)	for Rangoon
HAI PEI (CMN)	for Singapore
KAFIRSTAN (Jardine)	for Australia

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ANAKAN (Gimble)	K. Dock
ADZY (Wells)	A10
BURWOOD (Mc)	K. Dock
CALTEX II (Tera)	LCK
CHIAKANG (Jardine)	A10
CICIL (HIN)	Co. 1
CRILL (HALL)	Moitov
CITY MEN (HIN)	K. Dock
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AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS

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CNAO ex-Amyot via Swatow	12.45 p.m.
5 p.m. ex-Canton	8.40 a.m. 10.10
5.35 p.m. 6.10 p.m. ex-Han	Francisco via Honolulu, Midway
5.35 p.m. 6.10 p.m. ex-Foochow	via Honolulu, Midway
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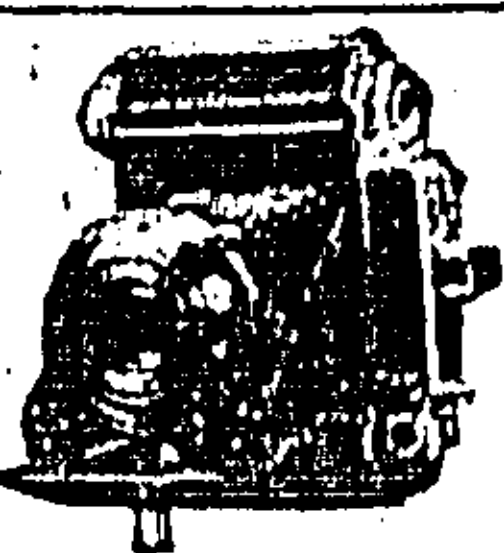
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ENGLAND LEADS BY 16 RUNS; DRAW SEEN

Port Elizabeth, March 9.

At lunch on the fourth and final day of the fifth and final Test match today, South Africa had scored 58 without loss in their second innings after England's first innings had closed for 395, giving England a lead of 16 runs.

Bill Funk, the former Shanghai champion, meets W. Gillies, a former Colony Junior Champion, in the main feature of tonight's programme of the Badminton Championships at Recreo this evening.

Another attractive game will be the Junior Men's Doubles encounter between the Y.M.C.A. pair of D.C. Lau and W.C. Chung and the University's N.K. Chin-M.T. Yeow combination.

Tonight's fixtures at Club de Recreo:

7.00 p.m. (Junior Men's Singles): H.M. Soares v. Y. Khan.

7.30 p.m. (Junior Men's Doubles): C. Quinn and Miss Y. Franco v. A.J. Remedios and Miss I. Soares.

8.30 p.m. (Junior Men's Singles): R. Thompson v. K.S. Thome.

9.00 p.m. (Senior Mixed Doubles): R. Tay and Miss M. Ribeiro v. W.F. Foo and Miss H. Kwong.

9.30 p.m. (Senior Men's Singles): B. Funk v. W. Gillies.

10 p.m. (Junior Men's Doubles): D.C. Lau and W.C. Chung v. N.K. Chin and M.T. Yeow.

Open Basketball Game To Begin

The first games in the Colony Open Basketball Competition sponsored by the Hong Kong and Kowloon Basketball Association will be played at the South China Athletic Association Stadium at Caroline Hill tonight.

The following games are down for decision:

SENIOR DIVISION

Chinese YMCA v. Kung Man at 7 p.m.

JUNIOR DIVISION

Yau Oi v. Ning Chun at 6 p.m.

South China v. Nam Sai at 8 p.m.

KCC To Meet 'Optimists'

The following will represent Kowloon Cricket Club in a friendly match against HKCC 'Optimists' on the Navy Ground at King's Park on Saturday:

H.E. Lee, E.C. Fincher, N. Hart, Baker, Capt. W.D.M. Webb, A. Zimmerman, T.A. Madar, W.M. Davidson, G.F. Taylor, J. Barrow, J.H. Hewitt and V.C. Boud. Reserve: F.E. Lawrence.

The KCC 2nd XI will be playing a friendly cricket match against Club de Recreo at Cox's Road on Saturday and will be represented by the following:

S.A. Gray, S.C. Trueman, E. Randall, H. Matthews, D.G. White, E. Gurel, G.R. Rossetti, R. Leigh, E.A.J. Hancock, A.J. Wood and J. Tibble.

RECREO 2nd XI

The following will represent the Club de Recreo 2nd XI in a friendly cricket match with KCC at Cox's Road on Saturday: A.F. Noronha (Capt.), E.A.R. Alves, J. L. F. Alves, C.A. Gutierrez, L.E. Gutierrez, A.V. Lopes, L.J. Remedios, R. Remedios, D.M. Rodrigues, J.A. Soares and L. Vieira.

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Louis Fails To Obtain Recognition

New York, March 8.

Joe Louis failed today in a bid to obtain recognition from the New York State Athletic Commission for the proposed world heavyweight championship fight between Ezzard Charles and Joe Walcott.

The former champion called on Mr. Eddie Egan, the Commission's Chairman, and said afterwards that Mr. Egan had declared that the Commission will only support an eliminating series.

Louis has already obtained sanction from the National Boxing Association, which controls American boxing everywhere in the country except New York State, to describe the Charles v. Walcott fight as for the championship, which Louis himself vacated recently.

He is promoting the fight on behalf of the International Boxing Club, of which he is a partner.

Louis said that he decided to retire because there is no opportunity for him to stay in boxing as a promoter.

Meanwhile, the British fight promoter, Jack Solomons, is likely to say "no" to any offer to move his first heavyweight world championship fight to New York.

Solomons believes the fight between Lee Savold of Paterson, New Jersey, and either Freddie Mills or Bruce Woodcock of England can draw more in London than in New York. In London it will be a novelty. There has not been a world heavyweight championship in London this century.—Reuter and Associated Press.

LEAGUE BODY TO MEET

A meeting of the League Management Committee of the Hong Kong Football Association will be held at the Association's office on Friday, March 11 at 5.15 p.m. to discuss 1. Division A CAA protest against the Police Sports Club for playing an ineligible player, Yuen Yiu-lam in the 1st Division League match CAA v. Police on March 5.

2. To select HKFA team for Governor's Club Final.

Racing Partnership May Break Up

London, March 9.

Prince Birabongse of Siam, who races cars under the name "B. Bira", arrived in London by plane yesterday from the Argentine to line up some cars to drive this summer.

If he succeeds, the racing partnership of Prince Bira and his cousin, Prince Chula of Chakrabongse, may be broken up.

"The situation is changing from day to day," said Prince Chula, manager and owner of the team's cars, which carry a white mouse emblem. "It is not settled. I may continue to work with Prince Bira or I may not, depending on what he lines up."

The White Mouse team was captured 27 races—one out of four in which it completed since 1935. Prince Bira did all the driving.

The biggest prize was £800. The victory they cherish most was in the International Car Race on the Isle of Man in 1937. Their last triumph was in a race at Zandvoort, Holland, on August 7, 1948.

The racing team was born when Prince Chula gave Prince Bira a £2,000 car on his 21st birthday.

Prince Chula is a captain in the British Army Cadet Force and a journalist. Both are cousins of the Siamese King Phumiphon Aduldet.—Associated Press.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

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ROUND THE WORLD

March 10 MOUNT MANSFIELD (APL) (S)

April 11 FREE MONROE (APL)

April 12 FREE DUCHANAN (APL)

April 13 FREE YAW DUREY (APL)

April 14 FREE HARDING (APL)

May 1 FREE JEFFERSON (APL)

May 2 FREE MARINE SHAFER (APL)

June 1 FREE FOLEY (APL)

Attack On Press By Referee Unjustified

(By "ROVER")

A highlight of the Council Meeting of the HKFA on Tuesday was the attack on the Press by Captain J. F. Stone, regarding comments made in connection with the postponement of the soccer match between KMB and South China "A".

Captain Stone, who was the referee appointed for the match, launched his attack on the Press in the course of an explanation relative to the events leading up to the postponement of that soccer match.

Whatever reasons may have prompted Captain Stone to make his attack, he has jumped to conclusions as the Press at no time suggested that the game was postponed to enable the players taking part in the Memorial Cup to be fit.

His statement that the Press has been guilty of an "unsportsmanlike statement" was therefore unwarranted and inconsistent with actual facts, as also his allegation that sportsmen in the Colony are far and few between.

If Captain Stone will again read the comments which were made regarding the postponement of the match in question, he will find that criticism was levelled against the HKFA and not the referee.

The notification from the HKFA regarding the postponement did not give any indication that the decision had been reached by the referee.

Reverting to his explanation of the events leading up to the postponement of the match under reference, it is interesting to note that his decision was reached fully five hours before the advertised time to kick-off.

It is understood that the time within which a referee should make a decision as to the fitness or otherwise of a ground for play is much nearer the advertised time to kick-off than five hours.

Perhaps if Captain Stone, will look up the relevant rules, he will find out the exact time when a referee is to visit a ground and decide as to its fitness for play.

It might perhaps be pertinent to point out that the sun came out shortly after mid-day on February 12 and continued to shine brightly throughout the afternoon. All other Senior Division games were played according to programme.

Captain Stone's reference to the ground being fit for other games is somewhat difficult to understand.

Another Match

Is he aware of the fact that a "needle match" between Sing Tao and South China took place on the Club Ground at Happy Valley on Sunday, March 23, 1947, although the ground was a miniature lake.

Rain had fallen heavily before the match and during the game out shortly was a continuous downpour; not drizzle. Yet, an attempt to postpone that match was rejected.

In spite of the damage done to the ground, in which the Hong Kong Football Club take so much pride and lavish so much attention, it was fit for other games the following week-end.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Augusta, Georgia, March 6.

Bobbe Locke has accepted an invitation to play in the 1949 Masters Tournament, officials at the Augusta National Golf Club announced.

The South African golf champion, who made his first American appearance at the 1947 Masters Tournament, has advised the Tournament committee that he will arrive in this country in time to play in two other winter tournaments, presumably the Jacksonville and Greater Greensboro Opens.

Tony Holguin, winner of the recent Mexican Open, has also accepted an invitation for the Masters Tournament.—Associated Press.

Manchester United Picked Over Stoke; Pompey's Stiff Test

(By 'ALCYDES')

With winter conditions really taking a hand in sporting events in England just now, freak soccer results can be expected to pop up here and there.

Pride and place in our weekly summing up of matches must, I think, again go to Manchester United, who after taking full points from Charlton last week in a hard fought game, must be considered as a sure thing for their match with Stoke City on Saturday.

Although Stoke are close on the heels of United in the table, the latter should further enhance their claim for the League Championship by winning this match.

Portsmouth, the leaders, are away to Sunderland this week and I think they will find it hard going to even share the spoils.

Last season Sunderland romped away to a 4-1 win and the fact that there are no relegation fears at Roker Park this year should stand them in good stead, I'm tipping the home team here anyway.

Huddersfield, after last week's success at Stoke, should lift themselves from the bottom wrung this Saturday by taking full points from Burnley.

Southampton in Division II slipped a point at Coventry last week but I think can be relied upon to call the tune at the Dell, where they entertain Leeds United.

Fulham as anticipated shook West Brom on Saturday and moved up to second place in league and should further improve their prospects of moving to higher circles next season by beating Chesterfield, at Craven Cottage.

It should be a real "dog fight" at Nottingham where Forest do battle with their co-partners in the relegation zone—Lincoln City.

Both teams have the same number of points and this match may well have some bearing on the final day reckoning at the end of the season. Anything can happen here.

West Brom away to Plymouth will do well to get a point in this match. Plymouth have won the last three games with WBA at Home Park and should maintain this sequence on Saturday.

Division III (South): Swans, who now seem certain for promotion, are away to Millwall and should win on form, but Millwall are a team which can upset any team's calculations and a surprise win from them is not out of the question. This game seems very open to me.

Crystal Palace, who at the moment look as though they will have to apply for re-election, cannot be expected to benefit very much from their visit to Brighton, who are well placed in the league. A safe home bet here.

Rotherham, the League leaders in Division III (North), are away to Rochdale, and for many seasons now have always found

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